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CUC: 2 to 3 months for power

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials on Friday gave full power restoration a timeline of two to three months, briefing reporters on Friday about their strategy to reenergize all of the island's main feeders within eight weeks. From the main feeders, they will continue into the laterals of the island, aiming to keep materials and linemen at sufficient levels to keep up with their day-in, day-out pace.

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FEMA staff dies due to flu-like symptoms

A staff of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has died in the Commonwealth.

Details of the death of Thomas Stilwell have yet to be provided, except that he "battled influenza-like symptoms," according to the Governor's Office.

"As of now, the only details that we know of are that Mr. Thomas Stilwell passed away peacefully at [the Commonwealth Health Center] last Saturday evening. He battled influenza-like symptoms," press secretary Ivan Blanco said in an email.

He said members of Stilwell's family are now en route to Saipan and are expected to arrive last night.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has extended his condolences and has offered assistance to Stilwell's family

"On behalf of the people of the CNMI, I express my deepest sympathies to the fam-

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$30.8M impact on tourism in August alone

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The cancellation of flights due to Typhoon Soudelor and big planes being unable to land at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport earlier this month translated to $30.841 million in lost revenue for the islands, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority cancelled numerous flights after Soudelor busted the airport's runway lights and prevented nighttime flights, while emergency maintenance on the airport's lone specialized fire truck downgraded

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ARMY DIVERS
Spc. Galen Griffith inspects his dive equipment before assessing the Tanapag Harbor on Aug. 27, which remains partially non-mission capable because of the damage sustained during Typhoon Soudelor. The 7th Dive Detachment, 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command has the capability to conduct the initial ground assessment, recertification of the port, structural assessment and repair when the services are requested. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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NAP processing, issuance extended

» Registered disaster NAP applicants will be processed until Sept. 2

» Ongoing NAP households scheduled to receive September benefits until Sept. 11

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutrition Assistance Program was approved on Saturday to extend its processing and issuance of disaster aid funds.

In a letter to Gov. Eloy Inos, the Food and Nutrition Service said it approved the request of the CNMI government regarding the extension.

"In order to accommodate the remaining registered households affected by Typhoon Soudelor, DCCA may

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Local

Tan Holdings treats linemen and crew to lunch at Fiesta

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Linemen and crew from the Commonwealth and other islands were treated to lunch yesterday by Tan Holdings Corp., with the power restoration crew having their first day off in almost a month after Typhoon Soudelor.

To show appreciation for their hard work, the various teams who have been working straight for as long as 29 days gathered for barbecue lunch at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

More than a hundred workers from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Yap, Kosrae, Guam, and Palau as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer were there.

According to Tan Holdings vice president Ivan Quichocho, they immediately made arrangements to host the linemen after getting information that they will be resting on Sunday.

"I called Mr. Tan and he was just like, 'Hey don't even second guess it. Just do it,'" Quichocho said.

"Everybody needs a little more appreciation," he added.

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, who was also there to welcome the hardworking staff, said the simple gathering was a chance to say "thank you" to everyone.

"I guess it's nice to bring everybody together, share stories and have a nice cold beer," Tan said. "I think most of them don't even get to see each other. Every day they're spread out all over the island."

Tan said he is satisfied with the work that they have been doing.

"I think they are ahead of schedule. The difficulty will be the arrival of supplies," Tan said.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Albert Taitano thanked Tan Holdings for the treat.

"On behalf of the board and CUC management, I would like to say a big appreciation to Tan Holdings and Jerry for hosting this," Taitano said.

He also expressed his gratitude to the many that came from off island and are helping out.

"I extend our warm appreciation and *Si Yu'us Ma'ase* for all their help in the restoration," Taitano said.

Guam Power Authority, which has about 29 men on island, said they are thankful for the gesture.

"We appreciate it. It's very nice," Guam Power Authority power system superintendent Enrique Quidachay said.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Over a hundred linemen and crew from CNMI and other islands were treated to a special lunch by Tan Holdings at the Fiesta Resort and Spa during their first day off after almost a month of continuous working to restore power on Saipan.

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Kagman Community Church opens feeding center

While recovery efforts continue on Saipan in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor, which battered the territory on Aug. 2, the Kagman Community Church, with the support of Triple J (Five Star Wholesale Foods) and Jones & Guerrero (Micronesian Brokers Wholesale), Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Church 360, and the Salvation Army opened a feeding center on Aug. 15 at the Kagman Community Church, serving food to those in need.

This operation, which consists of rice, beef, chicken, fresh vegetables, canned goods, milk, juice, bottled water and paper products, will provide some comfort to hundreds of residents over the next few weeks. The feeding center has received many volunteers from Kagman Community Church, Church 360, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, and the greater Kagman community.

Wayne Gillespie, director of the Salvation Army, coordinated the partnership between these groups, shared his experience, and volunteered time and effort to ensure the feeding center was successful. He expects the center to feed up to 1,000 people daily.

"While Saipan is still a long way from recovery, when community partners help to provide this type of relief, it can ease some of the burden placed on so many residents, as everyone continues to do their best to move forward," said Gillespie. ***(KCC)***

Aldan: Dynasty's casino closure will have ripple effects on Tinian

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Rep. Edwin Aldan (Ind-Tinian) is disappointed with Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's decision to temporarily close its casino doors, worried about how this would impact the public and the company's community programs.

"Unfortunately, the closure of the Dynasty's casino will have a rippling effect on not just employees, but the community at large because it will also affect programs such as medical referral and scholarships," Aldan said.

Aldan said, however, that he supports Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas' decision to give affected municipal employees notice informing them that their contracts might not be renewed on Oct. 1, 2015.

"It is important that those who may be affected are informed immediately so that they can immediately start thinking about making adjustments to their finances," Aldan said.

Casino revenues provide funding for 43 positions within the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Office of the Tinian Municipal Council.

Aldan acknowledged the difficulty for any elected official to notify their staff of a furlough or non-renewal of their employment contracts.

"It was the responsible and right thing to do," he said.

Aldan said he looks forward to Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's approval of Tinian Ent. Casino license so that a casino can reopen on the island.

"Casino revenues have allowed the municipality to provide much needed programs from our *man'amko* to our *manhoben*. I am hoping and looking forward to the approval of TEC's license so that the casino can reopen and begin generating some revenues so that we can continue those programs," he said.

After Tinian Dynasty closed its casino operations due to flight cancellations following Typhoon Soudelor's devastation of Saipan, hundreds of Tinian Dynasty employees were laid off.

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Jeju Air nixes charter flights from Osaka

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Despite the Marianas Visitors Authority effort to push hard for charter flights to pick up the Japan market, Jeju Air has decided not to launch direct charter flights from Osaka to the CNMI, according to MVA managing director Perry Tenorio.

If Jeju had decided yes, that would have brought the Japan market back up.

Last May, Tenorio said that they were waiting for a response from the budget airline whether Jeju Air will fly to either Guam or the CNMI out of Osaka.

Despite commitments from CNMI hotels, financial commitments by MVA, and travel partners in Osaka trying to persuade Jeju Air to choose the CNMI, Jeju Air eventually nixed the idea.

"Jeju Air has decided not to fly from Osaka to either Guam or Saipan for the time being," Tenorio said. "We will continue to work with Jeju Air on new service from both Korea and Japan."

With the pull out of Delta Air Lines flights this winter, Tenorio said that MVA Japan and key Japan travel agents are working with Delta to launch an incentive booking campaign "in order to boost bookings on Delta 288 during this traditionally low and shoulder season in order to work with Delta on re-instating the flight from 2016."

Securing low-cost carriers that will fly to the Commonwealth and adding more hotel rooms are keys to boosting Japanese arrivals to the islands.

The Japan market has seen a precipitous decline in arrivals since Japan Airlines cancelled flights to the Commonwealth. The Japan market is expected to go down further, as Delta Air Lines will reduce its flights to Saipan this winter.

The lack of airlift to replace the loss of Japan Airlines' service from Osaka and Narita and the loss of Delta Air Lines service from Nagoya means that CNMI arrival numbers from Japan have fallen steadily since then.

The Fukushima earthquake and tsunami in 2011 and the consumption tax hike in Japan in April 2014 also significantly impacted Japanese visitor numbers, reaching a low of 110,234 visitors to the CNMI last year.

MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that MVA continues to reach out to other airlines, including low cost carriers, and is collaborating with Delta Air Lines and major Japanese travel agents to pick the market back up.

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CNMI National Guard is deemed 'feasible'

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Establishing National Guard units for the Northern Marianas Islands has been deemed 'feasible,' according to a study by the National Guard Bureau.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the bureau released the results of its feasibility study last week.

"With our population of 54,000, the bureau estimated the Northern Marianas could recruit two, company-sized National Guard elements, above and beyond the U.S. Army reservists now on Saipan," Sablan, in his e-newsletter, said.

Sablan said a prerequisite is that a U.S. territory should have a law authorizing an organized militia.

"The Commonwealth Legislature has already enacted a law authorizing an organized militia, Public Law 13-32," Sablan said.

P.L 13-32 or the "Northern Mariana Islands National Guard Act" was signed in 2002 by then governor Juan N. Babauta.

In an executive summary of the feasibility study, the bureau said establishing National Guard units in the CNMI and American Samoa is feasible. "However, major steps are necessary to reach that end state," the bureau said.

Sablan said "the Armed Services Committee was unwilling to act, however, without first looking at costs and infrastructure and manpower requirements."

He said he "agreed to include a feasibility study in the fiscal year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act.

"The Northern Marianas and American Samoa are the only U.S. jurisdictions without their own Guard to respond to natural or man-made disasters. Men and women from the Northern Marianas now serve in the Guam National Guard. But issuance of the report—and the example of Typhoon Soudelor—provides a new opportunity to push for establishment of our own National Guard in the Northern Marianas," Sablan said.

He said Typhoon Soudelor "demonstrates that the governor of the Northern Mariana Islands could benefit from having a National Guard to call up in times of emergency."

Press secretary Ivan S. Blanco said the administration will review the feasibility study before issuing comments.

"The administration, upon a thorough review of the newly released feasibility study, will provide appropriate comments at a later date," he said in an email.

CUC

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Since Typhoon Soudelor hit almost a month ago, CUC and regional utility partners aiding with the typhoon recovery have worked 12-hour days, six days a week, and have installed about 200 power poles.

When asked Friday if Saipan would have all its light back on by December—or Christmas time—CUC Power Division manager Gary Camacho said, "Absolutely."

"Buy your [Christmas] lights today," he added.

Camacho on Friday described their strategy of keeping labor, equipment, and materials all at the same levels so they do not have "one run out the other."

He said they have been working closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to do this, bringing in private groups from Guam and public utility crew from regional islands like Palau, Yap, and Federal States of Micronesia, among others.

"Contracts have been prepared already and requests have gone up to Homeland for assistance in shipping some of their equipment over," he said.

"We believe we are on target considering the resources that we have," Camacho said.

Things are going to take off quicker once the main systems, or feeders, are turned on. When they do restore power to the main feeders, CUC's plan is to have as many people assisting as things may get more complicated combing up the laterals of the island and into the landscape.

Visual inspection has shown about 800 power poles were damaged, according to Camacho. But this could grow.

"The ideal is to move as quickly as we can along the laterals on each feeder, as they start from the power plant out," Camacho said.

CUC has brought back power to certain parts of Garapan—the economic hub of the island.

Feeder 1, 2, and 3, which comprise parts of the Garapan tourist district, have some power. Feeder 2 runs from Lower Base through Smiling Cove into Garapan down to the Toyota intersection on Beach Road. It is currently without power.

Feeder 3, which runs from CUC's Power Plant 4 down to Chale Pale Arnold Road, and down to Chalan Monsignor Road to the intersection in the As Lito/Dandan area near CUC's Dandan office, is also not yet energized.

Feeder 4 is energized to Kagman only because it was the least damaged by the storm, Camacho said.

Camacho said when the storm hit, the island's primary power poles, or the nine poles from the substation that feed the southern end of the island, were destroyed.

Some of the island's critical areas—from the airport, the hospital, the water wells, to CUC substations—had systems that were also destroyed.

"We really had to expend a lot of time and resources to be able to get them at the stage they are at today," he said, noting that they are still dependent on the "flow-in" of materials.

"I'm pretty confident that at the rate we are going, we should be able to get a lot of these feeders restored within eight weeks," Camacho said.

He said at their current rate, they expect Feeder 1's secondary laterals restored within the next month.

For Feeder 2, Camacho said, they have power poles up and are going to frame them and restore power within the next couple of weeks.

For Feeder 3, Camacho said, the "mains" are on and they aim to energize the laterals within the next month.

Feeder 4 has mains on all the way down to Kagman, Camacho said. He expects its laterals to have power within next month.

"We can get a good significant amount of the laterals energized—not all—but a good amount," Camacho said.

Friday's press conference was CUC's first news briefing since Soudelor hit nearly a month ago. The Inos administration and FEMA had been coordinating their own to give power, water, and recovery updates as information flowed to them.

FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio, who was part of the meeting on Friday, said Typhoon Soudelor rivaled major catastrophic events in the U.S. mainland and thanked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their help.

The Army Corps was "mission-assigned" by FEMA to aid CUC in recovery efforts. Their 249th Engineering Battalion, a power generation crew, has a team on island that follows utility crew across the island.

DeBlasio said this was the first time he has seen FEMA utilize the 249th Battalion.

"These are guys and gals climbing the poles and following behind CUC crews and making the connections, installing some of the hardware," he said, describing them "heroes."

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

NAP

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continue to process applications for the D-NAP and issue emergency benefits until Sept. 2," said FNS western region administrator Jesus Mendoza Jr.

However, while the issuance period is extended, NAP reiterated that registration for the disaster program is already closed.

"DCCA NAP will not register any new households for disaster assistance. However, DCCA NAP will continue to issue disaster benefits to all registered households who have been issued numbers from the office in As Lito through Sept. 2," NAP said.

Prior to the extension, NAP was only allowed to process disaster program applications until Aug. 31.

NAP will continue to serve households who are already registered according to a number system. Today, they will be processing those who are registered under the numbers D5801 to D6700. On Tuesday, they will serve numbers D6701 to D7600 while on the last day on Wednesday, they will serve D7601 to D7938.

However, NAP director Walter Macaranas told *Saipan Tribune* that numbers prior to the scheduled numbers for today and the following days who weren't able to get processed on their scheduled days can still go to their office and get assistance.

"Any number before 5,801 can come in. If you have a number, like 2,000, you can still come to our office," Macaranas said.

As of Saturday, NAP approved 6,170 households under the disaster program and 1,191 under the supplemental program.

Under the supplemental program, current NAP recipients who have not yet received their supplemental benefit for August 2015 may apply by Sept. 2.

Ongoing NAP recipients

Aside from the extension of the disaster program, FNS also approved the CNMI's request to phase its September issuance for ongoing NAP households.

"DCCA may phase issuance of NAP benefits originally scheduled for Sept. 1, 2015, until Sept. 4, 2015," FNS said.

According to NAP, Saipan residents will be issued benefits on the following schedule: Sept. 4 for households whose last name starts with letter A to C, Sept. 8 for D to L, Sept. 9 for M to R, Sept. 10 for S to Z. Sept. 11 will be an open day.

NAP said it issued September benefits to ongoing NAP households residing on Tinian on Aug. 28 and will be issuing to ongoing NAP households residing on Rota today.

It added that they will return to the standard Saipan benefit issuance schedule beginning Oct. 1.

Reprogram funds

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) praised the administration and thanked FNS for approving the extension period.

"I congratulate Governor Inos for relaxing the rules to make so many people eligible for food stamps and for asking to keep going until Sept. 2 to accommodate the thousands of families who have registered for assistance. And I thank the USDA Food and Nutrition Service for authorizing this extension," Sablan said in a statement.

He said that FNS officials expect 12,917 households, which is about 90 percent of households on Saipan, to get food stamps in this current round of assistance.

He also added that FNS estimates benefits for this month to run about $3.5 million, which will use up most of the CNMI's surplus grant funds and he expects money will be needed in September, as many households will qualify to apply for food stamps again because of lost income.

"I have already asked the Food and Nutrition Service to be prepared to reprogram funds from its SNAP contingency or other account to cover those emergency costs. We want families to get the help they need in the weeks and the months ahead," Sablan said.

He said both FNS National Administrator Audrey Rowe and Undersecretary of Agriculture Kevin Concannon have been giving daily attention to the situation in the Northern Marianas and sent staff from Washington along with staff from Region 9 in San Francisco to help the NAP office.

FEMA

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ily of Mr. Thomas Stilwell and to his FEMA colleagues. Mr. Stilwell's untimely passing last Saturday night is a great loss for his family, his FEMA colleagues, and for the people of the CNMI," Inos, in a statement, said.

The governor is also asking "every citizen of our Commonwealth to join me in keeping Mr. Stilwell's family in our prayers as we offer our condolences and deepest sympathies."

"I understand Mr. Stilwell's family is en route to Saipan, and I want to offer any assistance they may need during this difficult time," Inos said.

FEMA

FEMA has yet to release a statement on the passing of Stilwell.

The agency has been assisting the CNMI in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor through disaster-related financial assistance programs and deploying numerous staff on the field.

In its latest update last week, FEMA said the total number of housing inspections has reached 2,005 households and more than 7,500 registrations have been received by the agency.

More than $4.29 million have been approved for disaster-related assistance, the agency said.

Survivors are still being encouraged to register for assistance. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

TOURISM

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the airport from an Index D to Index C, which prohibited large aircraft from touching down with passengers.

So far, Tenorio said, they've estimated a total of 12,491 tourist cancellations—10,547 cancelled due to Soudelor and the night flights not resuming later and 1,944 tourist cancelled from the airport's index downgrade.

Tenorio also said the direct impact from Soudelor is estimated at $10.416 million, while the indirect impact is $15.624M, for a total of $26.041 million. When the airport index was downgraded, the direct impact was $1.919 million while the indirect impact was $2.7879 million, totaling $4.799 million.

In all, he said the revenue loss from both Soudelor and the downgrading of the airport's index is estimated at $30.8 million.

In addition, Tenorio said potential taxes lost by the government because of Soudelor and the downgrading of the airport's index in August is $2.150 million—some $1.542 million in lost gross revenue tax and $608,617 in lost hotel occupancy tax.

Hotel impact

Gloria Cavanagh, president of Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, said that August is usually a peak season for hotels.

"For the past couple of years, the average occupancy rate was above 90 percent. This August was supposed to be higher than the past years. With the storm on Aug. 2, we saw an immediate cancellation of additional charter flights out of Japan," Cavanagh said.

"Overall, this was a decrease of about 10,500 visitors. Through the first week, most of the hotels experienced drastic drops in their occupancy levels. Toward the end of the first week, as our local customers wished to escape their powerless, waterless homes, we saw our occupancy levels rise," she added.

She said that during the second week, emergency crews started arriving on island. However, hotels were unable to confirm long stays as major flights from China started up again on the Aug. 16.

"It was difficult and still is for emergency personnel to find hotel rooms. Even with the airport not being able to support widebody vessels from Aug. 22 to Aug. 25, our occupancy levels did not dip too much as there were many stranded from this problem. With the flights back, we are back to normal occupancy rates for August," she said.

Disruption caused by typhoons delays trial of Ogumoro and co-defendants

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Due to the significant disruption caused by Typhoon Soudelor and other recent typhoons, the prosecution and the defense counsels have agreed to delay until February next year the scheduled Oct. 19, 2015, jury trial of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro, his girlfriend, and her brother on corruption charges.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Thursday granted the parties' request and vacated the Oct. 19 jury trial of Ogumoro, former police officer Katherine M. Manglona, and Herman M. Manglona.

Wiseman set a trial setting conference for Sept. 2, 2015, at 1:30pm.

The parties that asked for the trial's postponement were assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, as counsel for the government; Ogumoro and his counsel, Mark Hanson; Katherine Manglona and her counsel, Colin M. Thompson; and Herman Manglona and his counsel, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer.

According to the lawyers, the consequences of several recent typhoons have significantly interfered with their ability to adequately prepare for trial.

Additionally, the lawyers said, there are some outstanding discovery issues that have yet to be resolved, exacerbated by the islandwide power outage.

"This is a situation without a clear timeline for a resolution," the lawyers stated.

Based on those reasons, the parties moved the court to continue the trial to a date in February 2016. Alternatively, the parties asked the court to vacate the Oct. 19 trial date and schedule a trial setting conference in order for the parties to select a new trial date.

Wiseman granted the parties' alternative request.

Last April, Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas filed 11 criminal charges against Ogumoro and the Manglonas. The three, who are out on bail, pleaded not guilty.

The information charged Ogumoro with two counts of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, four counts of misconduct in public office, two counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and two counts of removal of government property.

The information charged Katherine Manglona with conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Herman Manglona was charged with conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and receiving stolen property.

According to the allegations, Ogumoro brought a 1995 Toyota four-door Tercel that belonged to DPS to a shop for repairs using DPS funds totaling $2,500 in 2012 and then sold the vehicle as "scrap" for only $50 to Herman Manglona.

Ogumoro and Katherine Manglona also allegedly instructed a DPS staff to bring a DPS desktop computer to a shop for repair using DPS funding in the amount of $276. The computer was allegedly later used in the office of True North Bar & Grill, which is owned by Ogumoro.

Disciplinary rule hearing set in complaint vs Banes

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has set a disciplinary rule hearing in connection with a disciplinary complaint filed against lawyer David George Banes.

In an order issued after a status conference on Friday, Camacho said the court will hear aggravating and mitigating factor and recommendation from counsels on Nov. 10, 2015, at 2pm.

Camacho notified the CNMI Bar Association Disciplinary Committee that a disciplinary hearing has been set. The Disciplinary Committee, the judge said, may file a written recommendation on or before Oct. 13, 2015.

Camacho said prosecuting counsel Mitchell T. Thompson and Banes may file a written recommendation memorandum or brief on the appropriate sanction on or before Oct. 26, 2015.

Camacho ordered the parties to appear at the scheduled disciplinary hearing date.

Mitchell, who is based in Guam, may appear telephonically, Camacho said.

During Friday's status conference, Thompson appeared telephonically from Guam. Banes appeared with his counsel, Robert J. O'Connor.

At the start of the conference, Camacho said the parties were informed that Banes failed to comply with disciplinary Rule 13(d) that requires a respondent to reply within 20 days after being served with a complaint.

Camacho said the deadline for Banes to file an answer was June 22, 2015. He said no motion or request for an extension of the deadline was filed or granted by the court.

The judge said Rule 13(d) states in part, "If the respondent fails to answer within the time allowed then the charges are deemed admitted."

Thompon, who chairs the Guam Bar Association Ethics Committee, filed the disciplinary complaint against Banes for violating a provision of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct when he allegedly revealed information learned in discussions with a prospective client. Amjad Farhoud filed the complaint with the Disciplinary Committee of the CNMI Bar Association in August 2011.

The court appointed Thompson to prosecute the matter.

Banes, through counsel O'Connor, has denied the allegations and asked the court to dismiss the complaint and rule that he did not violate any ethical rule.

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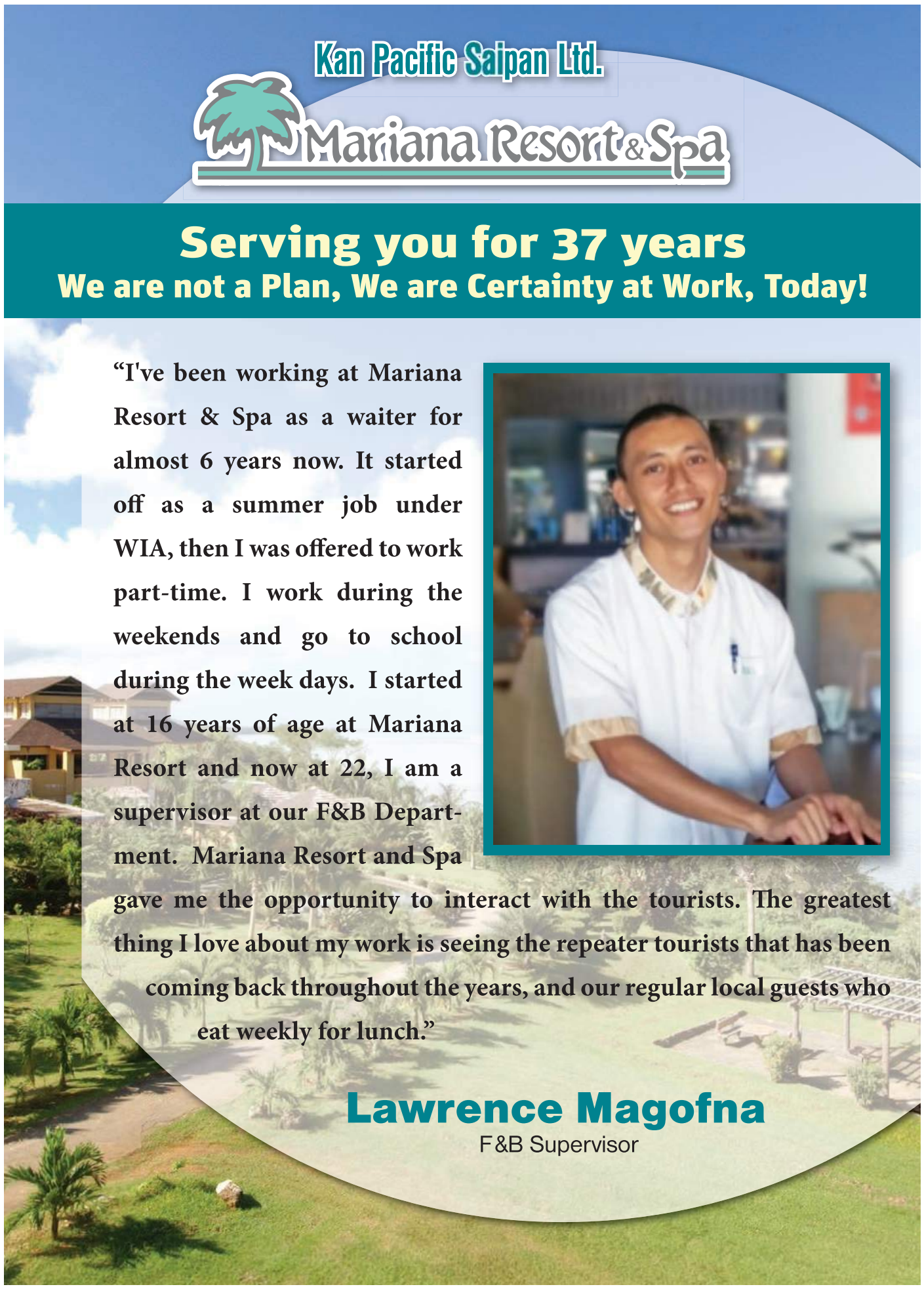
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Heirs want title of property now leased to Best Sunshine

The heirs of Maria Mangabao, who have been waiting for many years to collect a judgment payment of between $15 million and $20 million for the taking of their land in Chalan Kanoa in 1993, are now seeking the title of the Samoan Housing property in Garapan as land exchange for just compensation.

The CNMI government has already leased the Samoan Housing property to Imperial Pacific, better known as Best Sunshine International Ltd., for the construction of the 250-room hotel and casino.

On Friday, the Mangabao heirs summoned Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete Tenorio to appear in Superior Court.

At the hearing, attorney Edward Arriola, counsel for the heirs, asked Tenorio, among other things, his fiduciary duty as DPL secretary—whether he is transferring the money that he received from Best Sunshine to Marianas Public Land Trust as required by the CNMI Constitution and whether or not he got the best price for the people of Northern Marianas descent in the lease negotiation and in the lease agreement.

Tenorio stated he has complied with his fiduciary obligations.

Assistant attorney general Charles Brasington appeared as counsel for the government. Judge pro tem Alberto C. Lamorena is presiding over the case.

Attorney Charles Reyes Jr., who is assisting Arriola in the case, told *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing that the government already lost this case, yet has not paid the Mangabao heirs despite a court judgment entered in 2009.

According to court records, the government and the heirs agreed to the taking of land consisting of over 6,000 square meters in 1993 and a judgment of $4.2 million.

In 2009, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja found the government liable to pay $11.4 million to the heirs over the land taking. Because of the interests, the judgment has now ballooned to between $15 million and $20 million.

Since the heirs cannot get money from the government because the Legislature is required by law to appropriate that amount first, Arriola is now seeking a land exchange as just compensation, Reyes said.

Reyes said it is the reason why the heirs hauled Tenorio to court on a subpoena because he authorized the lease on the Samoan Housing property while there was a pending court action.

The lawyer said there was a motion to transfer the title of that Samoan Housing property to satisfy at least partial or substantial the court judgment.

"So Mr. Arriola asked the court to disgorge the profits and give that to the heirs or transfer title of that property to the heirs," he said.

In the alternative, Reyes said, Arriola is asking for another large piece of property in Naftan Point.

By oral motion, Arriola asked for that Naftan Point property to be awarded to the heirs to satisfy the judgment, Reyes said.

He said the government is refusing to provide monetary relief and land exchange compensation as well.

The lawyer said the heirs are aging and many have died.

Reyes said with the non-payment, it's more debt accumulating on the books against the government.

Right now, the 5th Amendment or the taking clauses of the U.S. and NMI constitutions have basically no practical effect in the CNMI, Reyes said.

"Because even if the government takes your land it's very hard to get relief. It seems almost impossible to get relief," he said.

Reyes said Arriola's motion is a last-ditch effort to get some kind of relief for the heirs so they can get compensated at long last. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CHCC grateful for outside help in wake of Typhoon Soudelor

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is grateful to regional agencies that have assisted the CNMI in its health response assistance in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

"Even if our own personnel at the CHCC had been spared from the disaster, we knew we needed support from those with disaster recovery experience to quickly get in front of immediate, emerging, and continuing health needs during these difficult months after Typhoon Soudelor," CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said.

"I'm humbled to see such a strong and rapid response to our need from these organizations," she added.

After Typhoon Soudelor ravaged Saipan on Aug. 2 and 3, Muña, along with the hospital's incident command center, reached out to regional partners.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and the World Health Organization responded quickly to CHCC's call and flew in off-island personnel to give their assistance.

Epidemiologists from these organizations augmented the Division of Public Health's efforts to strengthen assessment, surveillance, and response to accommodate the post-disaster health needs of the community. The first priority went to those in typhoon shelters and a community needs assessment was rapidly conducted.

Within two and a half days of landing on Saipan, Dr. Paul White, a senior communicable disease epidemiologist for SPC, developed a rapid needs assessment tool, assembled and trained a team of local volunteers, and launched the community survey in the field. To conduct the community health needs assessment, the assessment team visited 110 households throughout Saipan.

Margarita Aldan, director for DPH, said the health needs assessment it is an essential resource to inform the priorities of the public health action moving forward for a healthy recovery from Soudelor.

Additionally, the report emphasizes the need for surveillance, risk communication, and education to address food and water-borne diarrheal disease and increased awareness of hygiene and non-scratching behavior to avoid rash.

White also thanked the volunteer team, saying "their diligence, motivation and enthusiasm was essential in ensuring we met the challenging time lines and data collection targets required to make the community needs assessment successful." ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-15-021

Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.*

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, **until September 17, 2015.**

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"(CUC-RFP-15-021)** for ***"Engineering Consultant Services""*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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CHCC releases community health needs assessment

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has released its community health needs assessment of Saipan, which provides a picture of the health problems created by Typhoon Soudelor.

CHCC's needs assessment was conducted from Aug. 13 to 19 on all major villages of Saipan and surveyed more than 500 households. It was voluntary and names were not taken.

Heads of households were interviewed for 10 to 15 minutes on key themes such as demographics description and domestic arrangements, disability and welfare, health, services, and environment.

Warren Villagomez, CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program director, told *Saipan Tribune* that the survey results would be used to better prepare for future calamities so that CHCC could respond faster.

"There are many illnesses, dangers, and health hazards after the typhoon so we have a team that is conducting a survey that will help us in identifying specific needs that the community is at risk from," Villagomez said.

Results

About 52 percent that were interviewed were Chamorro, 24 percent were Filipino, 16 percent were Carolinian, while majority of the rest were "others."

About 532 people reported staying in 110 households on the night before Typhoon Soudelor hit. About 316 individuals of these individuals ranged in age from 18 to 64 years old, 164 were from 3 to 17 years old, 28 were from 2 and below, and 25 were from 65 years old and above.

At the time the survey was conducted, around a third of households had no sufficient water or food for three days.

Some 35 percent said that they didn't have enough food while 65 percent had enough and 3 percent didn't respond to the question.

Some 30 percent said they didn't have enough drinking water, while 70 percent said they had enough.

About 89 percent of the respondents continued to live at home after Soudelor while 11 percent were not living at home or their house was uninhabitable.

Nearly a quarter of households interviewed reported having physical or developmental disabilities. Only 2 percent encountered violent behavior; 95 percent didn't, while 14 percent didn't answer.

Rash was the greatest acute health symptoms and clinical signs recorded, with 30 instances of non-febrile rash reported. Some 26 percent had severe headache with dizziness, and 22 percent had cough with fever.

CHCC attributed the rash to the lack of running water.

For chronic health, 53 percent of households reported having occupants with hypertension, 35 percent had diabetes, 21 percent had asthma, 14 percent had physical disability, 9 percent had developmental disability, and 1 percent mental health issues.

Priority, challenges

Among the recommendations, priorities, and challenges outlined to improve public health response in the event of a disaster include:

- Reaching out, meeting community and mental and emotional health needs
- Re-establishing existing chronic health care management practices
- Encouraging community cleanup to remove flying debris injury hazards
- Strengthening core public health infectious disease early warning surveillance
- Promoting food, water safety, and personal hygiene and good practices
- Building disease response and outbreak investigation capacity
- Updating arboviral disease management standard operating procedures
- Establishing sustainable workforce capacity, capability in core public health disease surveillance and response activities to meet ongoing business-as-usual, and future disaster pre-preparedness contingencies.

SG Arbitration says it has no power to stop Laos' court action in district court

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REPORTER

Singapore International Arbitration has concluded that it has no jurisdiction over the U.S. District Court for the NMI and other district courts and is not empowered to stop any action filed in those courts.

The Arbitral Tribunal, chaired by Judge Rosemary Barkett, issued the ruling on Aug. 17, 2015, in connection with Laos' request for the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue to subpoena against Saipan-based Bridge Capital LLC.

Attorney William Fitzgerald, counsel for Laos, filed in district court on Thursday a copy of the Arbitral Tribunal's order.

The Arbitral Tribunal, however, ruled although they cannot stop the district court from acting, they can and do request Laos to continue its deferment of the 28 U.S.C. Section 1782 proceedings until the final hearing in this arbitration.

Section 1782 action refers to assistance to foreign and international tribunals and to litigants before such tribunals.

The Arbitral Tribunal said Laos' failure to do so will be taken into consideration should the Tribunal conclude that Laos has breached the Deed of Settlement by filing the 1782 action in federal court.

The Arbitral Tribunal made the ruling in denying the application of Lao Holdings N.V. and Sanum Investments Limited (collectively called Sanum) to stop the 1782 proceedings.

Sanum owned 80 percent of Savan Vegas Casino Co. Ltd., while Laos owned 20 percent, according to the Tribunal's records.

Last June 12, Laos filed in the District Court for the NMI an application for issuance of subpoenas pursuant to Section 1282 and to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

The subject of the subpoenas are Bridge Capital LLC, which owns shares of Sanum Investments Ltd. and is wholly owned by John Baldwin and Shawn Scott, and Bridge Capital's chief financial officer, David Jensen.

At a scheduling conference on Thursday, as agreed by the parties, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter set the hearing on the application for issuance of subpoenas for Nov. 17, 2015 at 9am.

Fitzgerald appeared for Laos. Attorney Michael Dotts appeared as counsel for Bridge Capital LLC along with attorney Deborah Deitsch-Perez, who appeared telephonically.

In Laos' application, Fitzgerald disclosed that Baldwin of Bridge Capital is under criminal and tax investigations in Laos for allegedly bribing Laos officials over $300,000 that caused termination of an audit and also cost the Lao government $70 million in lost tax revenue over a five-year period from the operations of Baldwin group's casino.

Fitzgerald asked the federal court to allow Laos to serve a subpoena on Bridge Capital on Saipan, and on Bridge Capital chief financial officer David Jensen, in connection with the criminal and tax investigations in Laos and in connection with two international arbitration proceedings pending in Singapore.

The lawyer revealed that both the Lao proceedings and the arbitration proceedings directly involve entities owned and/or controlled by Baldwin and Shawn Scott, who own Bridge Capital LLC.

Fitzgerald asked the court to issue the subpoenas in order for Laos locate the evidence needed to establish criminal activity in Laos and to support its claims and defenses before the international arbitral tribunal.

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Maritime preposition ships join typhoon relief efforts

By U.S. NAVY ENSIGN ANDY WANG
MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND FAR EAST

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands—A small fleet of ships with Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3 recently played a different role assisting the people of Saipan recover from the destruction of Typhoon Soudelor, a Category 2 typhoon that devastated the island on Aug. 2.

MPSRON 3, which typically anchors four or five ships off Saipan and provides heavy equipment and supplies for the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, and U.S. Air Force supporting contingencies and operations in the Pacific, provided a different type of support during Soudelor—they supported delivery of much needed water and ice to the citizens of Saipan when all public services on the island were inoperable.

"It's heartbreaking. I survived Hurricane Iniki on Kauai (Hawaii) many years ago," said Karen A. Reyes, captain of USNS *Charlton* (T-AKR 314), which is anchored off Saipan. "The devastation reminds of me what we went through on that island."

Reyes has sailed around the Pacific for more than two decades and has spent the past two years sailing off the waters near Saipan. As soon as news of Typhoon Soudelor's destruction spread, her priority was to provide as much assistance as possible.

"I am an island girl at heart. I do love Saipan like a second home," said Reyes. "We have been supplying ice and the potable water since the first launches started running after Typhoon Soudelor."

Throughout the decades of MPSRON 3 presence, the mariners have developed a friendship and a sense of community with the people of Saipan. For many of the mariners, Saipan is not just another port of call, it's their home. When Typhoon Soudelor hit, members throughout Military Sealift Command felt the pain.

Civilian mariners with Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3 deliver water and ice to the citizens of Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor, a Category 2 typhoon, devastated the island on Aug. 2.
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The crews of USNS *Charlton*, USNS *Soderman* (T-AKR 317) and USNS *Dahl* (T-AKR 312) spent countless hours supplying Saipan residents with fresh water and ice, which was desperately needed following the storm. Ships in the squadron have the capability to create upwards of 20,000 gallons of potable water per ship per day.

Additionally, a working party from the USNS *PFC Dewayne T. Williams* (T-AK 3009) went ashore to help the Brilliant Star Montessori School on Navy Hill here. Fourteen crew members participated, including the ship's captain and various mariners. They repaired the electrical conduit connections on two buildings where fallen trees had pulled the connection down breaking the conduit support and wire connections. The crew also assisted in repairs to the potable water connections to three buildings. The school was able to open its doors on Aug. 19 due to the assistance of USNS *PFC Dewayne T. Williams*' crew.

"I couldn't be more proud of the mariners who worked side-by-side with our Saipan brothers and sisters to help in the delivery of those needed supplies and support," said U.S. Navy Capt. Robert "Rocky" Rochford, commodore of MPSRON 3. "I believe their actions on those subsequent days really eased some of the hardship that was apparent islandwide."

For added support, MV *MAJ Bernard F. Fisher* (T-AK 4396) left Guam on Aug. 21 carrying a group of U.S. Army divers who will assist the U.S. Coast Guard in ensuring the approach channel and harbor are clear of any hazards that may have sunk during the storm.

Through his time as commodore, Rochford has developed a relationship with the community of Saipan. To him and his staff, the small Pacific island was more than just an anchorage, it was their second home. Rochford immediate called upon the service members at Guam Naval Base for help. With the help of U.S. Navy Lt. Andrew Forester, chaplain, MPSRON 3 led a typhoon relief drive for a battered women shelter in Saipan that was severely crippled by Soudelor.

The supplies were transported from Guam to Saipan on the USNS *Dahl*. The rebuilding of Saipan is going to take some time and MPSRON 3 ships and crews will continue to support those efforts.

MPSRON 3, operating in the western Pacific, maintains tactical control of the 12 ships carrying afloat prepositioned U.S. military cargo for the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Air Force. The squadron's mission is to enable force from the sea by providing swift and effective transportation of vital equipment and supplies for designated operations.

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Bank of Guam declares Q3 dividends

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank-Guam Holding Company announced that its board of directors declared a $0.10 per share quarterly cash dividend at the board's regular meeting on Aug. 24, 2015. The dividend is payable on Sept. 30, 2015, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on Sept. 15, 2015.

"We are pleased to continue paying dividends to our shareholders. Our approach to managing the bank is paying off with consistent results and our shareholders are rewarded with this return. We remain confident about the future and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead," noted president and board chair Lourdes "Lou" A. Leon Guerrero. ***(BoG)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

High surf advisory today

Based on information received from the National Weather Service, Tiyan Guam And compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a high surf advisory now in effect along north facing reefs until 6am today, Monday. Expect hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs falling below hazardous levels by early this morning. The public to advised avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north, as rip currents will be life threatening. ***(EOC)***

Saipan chamber membership meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be having its general membership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 11:30am at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. The main speakers will be Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan; Stephen DeBlasio, FEMA, Federal coordinating officer; and William Koontz, U.S. Small Business Administration, public information officer. Guests are welcome at the non-member price of $30; members pay $20. ***(PR)***

Kagman Elementary School calendar

- Sept, 9, 2015: Parent/student orientation for grades K-2nd at 9am to 10am
- Sept. 10, 2015: Parent /student orientation for grades 3rd-5th at 9am to 10am
- Sept. 14, 2015: First day of instruction for all students (K-5th), from 7:50am to 11:30am

During the parent and student orientation day, teachers will be present to meet with parents and share instructional goals and expectations for the school year.

CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for today, Aug. 31, 2015 and Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, will be 8am to 5pm.

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Wednesday, September 2, 2015 through Friday, September 4, 2015 will be 8am until 12pm.

Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2015, following the Labor Day holiday, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday, Aug. 31, 2015 through Friday, Sept. 4, 2015.

The partial day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with fuel availability for standby power generation are resolved. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

Dandan Middle School announcement

The school year will begin on Sept. 8, 2015. We will be conducting orientation on the following dates:

- 6th grade - September 2, 9am - Cafeteria
- 7th grade - September 3, 9am - Cafeteria
- 8th grade - September 4, 9am - Cafeteria

Because of the circumstances that we are all experiencing at the moment, we have limited the school supplies that will be requiring from our students.

If you have any questions contact (670) 237-3662 or email lynn.mendiola@cnmipss.org and / or reo.arriola@cnmipss.org. ***(DMS)***

Kagman High orientation dates

Kagman High School orientation dates are as follows:

- Freshmen - Sept. 3 at 1 pm
- Sophomore- Sept. 3 at 3 pm
- Juniors- Sept. 4 at 1 pm
- Seniors - Sept. 4 at 3pm

Army divers, Coast Guard tie up to assess Saipan seaport

SAIPAN, North Mariana Islands—In support of the disaster relief efforts on Saipan, a Hawaii dive detachment partnered with the Coast Guard 14th District for a required port assessment and certification of Tanapag Harbor, the port of Saipan, which remains partially non-mission capable, on Aug. 27.

Typhoon Soudelor left Saipan, a 48-square mile island, with loss of power and water services to more than 45,000 Saipan residents, causing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reach out to the Department of Defense for support after all local, state, and non-DOD national assets were exhausted.

"In the Pacific we are the only Army dive detachment, we have to be ready to deploy rapidly," said Spc. Galen Griffith, a 7th Engineer Dive Detachment, 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command engineer diver.

The 7th Dive Det. has the capability to conduct the initial ground assessment, recertification of the port, structural assessment and repair when the services are requested.

Although the divers function as a small team, they continuously work hand-in-hand with other services, making them adaptable wherever they are needed.

"We worked alongside airmen from Hickam Air Force Base, to help us with the transportation of personnel and equipment and the Merchant Marines to get us from Guam to Saipan," said Capt. Troy Davidson, the 7th Dive commander. "After arriving on Saipan, the 9th Mission Support Command and the 302nd Army Reserve housed us, while the Coast Guard 14th District provided us with dive equipment and assistance."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The 7th Engineer Dive Detachment Soldiers do an equipment check prior to conducting a port assessment of the Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Aug. 27, which remains partially non-mission capable because of the damage sustained during Typhoon Soudelor.

Upon arrival, the team assessed the data on the harbor to identify any structural irregularities and report any damage to the USCG 14th District, which helps enable transition efforts back to the local government.

"During this dive we saw hard and soft growth on the wall, some holes where the aggregate would fall through structure integrity," said Griffith. "This means that the water current will come in and wash out the different aggregates, the broken concrete and make the metal rust, causing it to expand and create more cracks and damage."

Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia*, a 225-foot seagoing buoy tender with the 14th District, conducted the initial survey of the shipping channel and port and has been working to restore aids to navigation, buoys and lights and cleanup effort within the first week.

"The port is accessible and we were able to certify it," said Davidson. "We have turned our assessment into the 14th District for further consideration."

As the area begins to replenish its ability to function outside of crisis response, the hope is to turn the assessment over to the local government and allow them to figure out the best avenue for repair.

"We like to be able to hand missions back to the countries and see them move forward after a time of crisis," said Davidson. "We appreciate getting the support from our sister services, along with the opportunity to conduct dive missions and support our allies in their time of need." ***(8th Theater Sustainment Command)***

Final IRP bids a mix of renewables, thermal

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The five bids remaining for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s long-term energy plans include a mix of renewable and thermal projects.

According to the latest presentation of Leidos Engineering LLC, the third party reviewing these bids, there are two "renewable," and three "thermal" projects under consideration.

CUC has described their long-term energy plans, or "integrated resource management" plan, as a combination of both base-load and renewable energy sources capable of providing reliable power at the lowest price to consumers.

These plans will stretch up to 25 years.

According to Leidos' presentation file, one bidder—or "Renewable 1"—has offered a range of solar generation, both with and without storage and including optionality with regard to site control at specific feeders.

This bidder has a range of bids that cover from one megawatt to 10 megawatt max capacity.

"Renewable 1" would be a 25-year power purchase agreement, with no upfront cash from CUC.

Another bidder, "Renewable 2," provides simple solar generation with 10-megawatt max capacity, according to Leidos.

It also wants a 25-year power purchase agreement with no upfront cash.

A third bidder—termed "Thermal 1"—has a project that involves diesel engines burning heavy fuel oil, according to Leidos.

Max capacity for this bidder is at 30 megawatt with four units total.

"Thermal 1" plans for a 20-year power purchase agreement with no upfront CUC cash, and CUC-supplied fuel, or "tolling."

Tolling agreements are contracts where one party provides a company with one form of fuel to be converted into another form of fuel on their behalf.

"Thermal 2"—the second thermal energy bid—proposes diesel engines burning light fuel at 30 megawatt max capacity over four units.

"Thermal 2" wants an engineering, procurement, and construction, or EPC, contract to construct, and an operations and maintenance, or O&M contract, to operate.

This project will be CUC financed and with CUC-supplied fuel.

"Thermal 3"—the last bidder—is described by Leidos as a project ranging from "extending CUC's existing assets to new diesel engines burning light fuel."

This bid plans a max capacity of 30 to 70 megawatts over 12 units. They want a 20-year power purchase agreement requiring CUC securitization and guarantees, with no upfront CUC cash, and using CUC-supplied fuel.

Best Sunshine partner with U4S to expand relief efforts

Pushing forward with its commitment to reach out to as many people in the community, especially the hardest hit part of Saipan and those in outskirt areas that do not have easy access to relief distribution, Best Sunshine International Ltd. is supporting United 4 Saipan in providing access to water and essential needs for these residents affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

U4S is a group of volunteers that led a massive grassroots effort to help out following the devastation of the typhoon.

Four days after Soudelor hit Saipan, U4S founder Jenny Hegland first started buying water using her own funds and personally delivered them to people in need. She then went on Facebook to gather dedicated volunteers, who in turn helped increase awareness and information, distribute donations from individuals and organizations, and direct the general flow of operations.

U4S member Hyunjae Lee appealed through the gofundme.com website to raise funds. A network of active organizations such as Marianas Young Professionals, Sons of Saipan and Empty Vessel Ministry, among others, stepped in. A location was identified to store and pack bundles of relief goods. Water is delivered directly to the people in the villages on a daily basis. By calling the helpline 484-HELP, people who are confined to their homes or who are previously inaccessible can direct the volunteers to send water, food or help in setting up temporary shelters.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
For the past three weeks now, Best Sunshine International continue to provide immediate relief to affected residents following the typhoon Soudelor's devastation. In this photo, Tao Xing, chief services officer of Imperial Pacific, assist a Tanapag resident with some of BSI's donation.

Seeing the people's vital need, Best Sunshine International supported United 4 Saipan's altruistic causes and accomplishments by donating 280 cases of water. Imperial Pacific chief service officer Tao Xing, along with two Best Sunshine volunteers, personally distributed the donated 280 cases house to house, and an additional 20 cases of water were transported throughout the Kagman area last week.

"Personally seeing the wreckage of the homes of the people and their extreme hardships, and yet being greeted by smiling thankfulness, was certainly a moving experience," said Xing.

The organization United 4 Saipan has since distributed more than 30,000 gallons of water and 500 bags of food. Best Sunshine will continue to reach out and assist organizations such as U4S in providing to the post-typhoon relief efforts of the community. ***(BSI)***

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As US debt climbs, talk of a tipping point

As former Illinois Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen is credited with saying, "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." Roughly 50 years later, the federal government's spending binge has added some zeroes to its debts, and we now talk about liabilities in the trillions of dollars. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office's latest budget and economic outlook does not inspire much confidence that the government will ever get a handle on its debts.

The CBO projects a budget deficit of $426 billion this fiscal year—$60 billion less than it estimated in March. The CBO's budget outlook predicts annual budget deficits to remain a little under half a trillion dollars through 2018, then grow to $1 trillion by 2025.

In all, the CBO projects that the nation will add $7 trillion to the national debt over the next decade.

The national debt officially stands at about $18.3 trillion, yet this ignores many unfunded liabilities, and critics such as Boston University economist Laurence Kotlikoff contend that a full accounting of the nation's liabilities and expected tax and other receipts reveal a gap of more than $200 trillion.

Debt held by the public will constitute about 74 percent of U.S. gross domestic product by the end of the year, which the CBO notes is "slightly less than the ratio last year but higher than in any other year since 1950." This share is expected to grow to 77 percent of GDP by 2025.

"The growth in debt is not sustainable," CBO Director Keith Hall explained. "At some point, it's going to get to a very high level. Obviously, you can't predict tipping points, but at some point this becomes a problem."

Though self-serving politicians, ever eager to spend the public's money, like to act as if debt does not matter, it has real consequences. Just ask Greece. Debt service payments, which will increase markedly if and when the Federal Reserve eventually bumps up interest rates, crowd out the private savings and investment that drive economic growth.

Like the Greeks, the U.S. government has racked up massive debts it will never be able to repay. A Greece-like blowup is not likely just around the corner, but it would be foolish to think that such an event could never happen here if we continue down this path.

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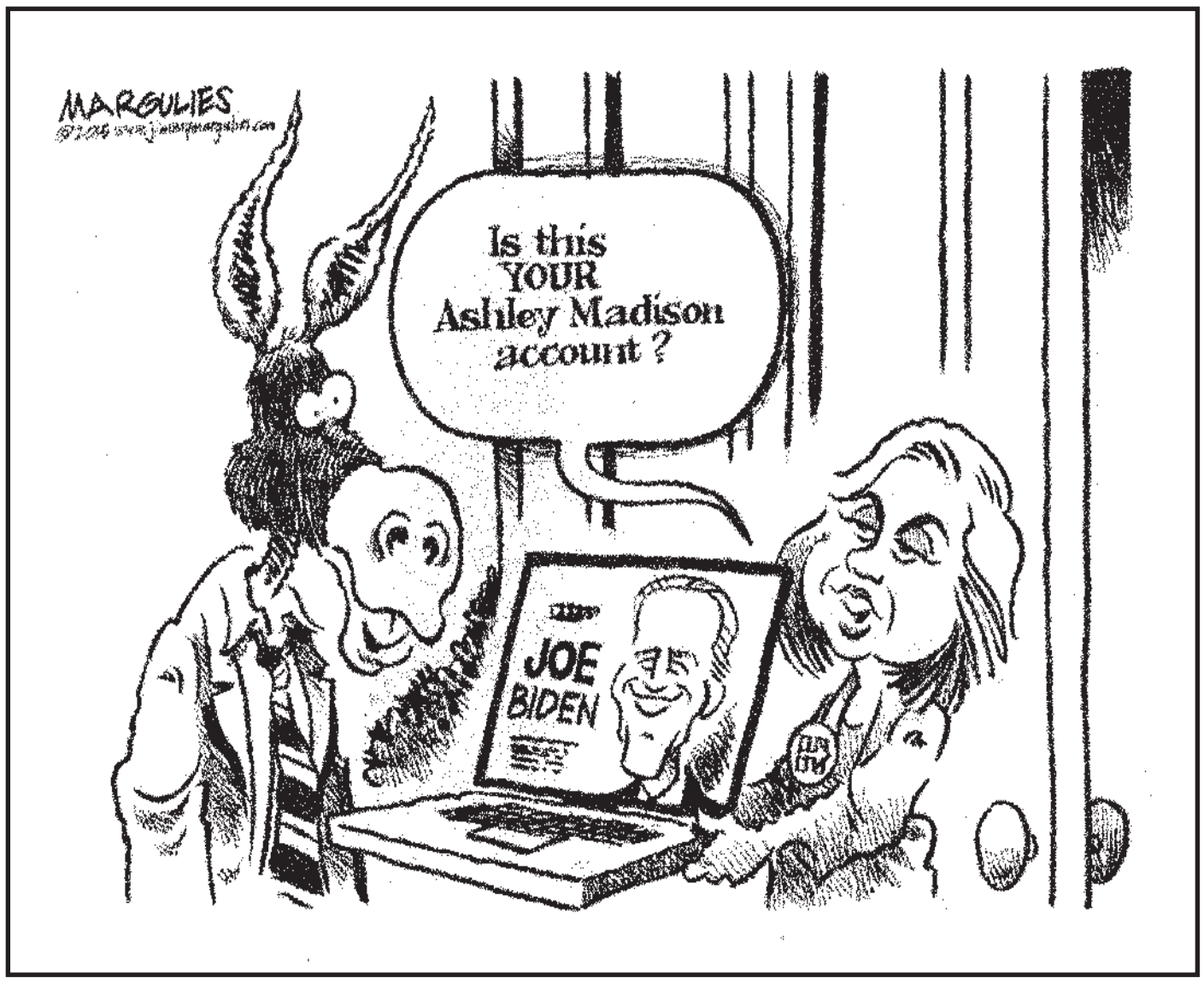

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Barbara Tuchman's description of the start of World War I was printed as the *Guns of August,* also printed as *August 1914.* It recalled the traditional conflict within the imperial house of Great Britain, in England and Germany, and when Archduke Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary was assassinated in Sarajevo, Kaiser Wilhelm unleashed his uppity commitment that Germany will head Social Darwinism and be upfront on the widespread imperial altruism at the time.

We shan't revisit Tuchman's description of the misconceptions, miscalculations, and mistakes that led to WWI, repeated in the lowly Austrian ex-corporal Adolf Hitler's playing Kaiser (tsar) shortly thereafter as major players of the European empires doomed the final hours of imperial rule.

To refer to the competition as WWII is accurate in that Japan massaging its Meiji oats was involved. India, Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean were not military combatants in the conflagration. It was Europe's war. Countries born a decade later in Africa, Asia, and Latin America were from empires forced to divest colonial power. The U.S. holding all the financial chips reformulated neocolonial presence. G.I. Joe hummed *Alabama* around the world.

WWIII is depicted as the U.S. wrestling control of China's presence in the seas of China. I see the ongoing world conflict as the struggle between organized asset-hungry powers dominant in stock exchanges and the dispersed guerrilla forces that won't kowtow to the direction our banks and financial institutions lead us.

WWIII is currently being fought by those who will not excuse the mining spillage in Colorado that may take 10 years to clean up, or the foreign and native powers that take advantage of cheap Chinese labor and favorable policies, polluting air and rivers that eventually affects all. It is, at least, open to scrutiny compared to the quiet despoiling of the Amazon, the Congo, northern Canada, and the waters of the Pacific.

Pictures of the huge debris floating in the Pacific Northeast is alarming; even off Saipan, no fish caught in the ocean is free of the high mercury discards we let seep onto our ocean floors.

There is no declared World War since the conflicts are sporadic, though I mark the Earthrise of '68 as the turning point in human consciousness and the global "warfare" (we need a newer term that denote the energy and direction of change without invoking images of destruction). WWIII is a misnomer; a planetary struggle prevails.

To be sure, many of my colleagues still operate out of the European colonial definitions of continents and countries, as if there is virtue in the identification inherent in being a citizen of Nigeria, India, Venezuela, Canada, Malaysia, China, *et al,* and the political proprietaries that go along with it. Frustrations are high on public policies to protect the environment but we persist in just monetizing its mineral contents.

So it is guerrilla warfare, objective and enflamed encounters devoid of despair in decrying the despoliation of a planet either by conservative and liberal politics that want to manage or control the care of the planet through a regular bottom line, especially the organized ones who derive their existence from raising funds to support justifying their causes.

My writing about it makes me a paper literary warrior of no serious consequence other than as a source of entertainment for readers in our use of metaphors, but as I have said often enough, it is the deed that counts, not wordsmithing wonder, or, the gracefulness of our banners in the annual Earth Day parade.

The dudes that somehow manage to make little plots, e.g., the one close to Yale U, that bear green veggies in summer gardens, or those rooftop trees and other living things incorporated in building designs, wage skirmishes.

A tree blown over by Soudelor's fury at the PSS compound between Sun Palace and MHS lies on its side, revealing square rootage, evidently intentionally grown on squared space, like the Singapore style of planting and replacing it as soon as it reaches a certain height, but someone on Saipan obviously forgot to replace it when it was time. Too top heavy, it was fodder to a hungry storm.

This is the last day of August, written on the lucidity that we do so out of self-expression more than manipulating public opinion, but we have reason enough from readers not to quit the page yet. Besides, if Barbara Tuchman chronicled the *Guns of August* for WWI, and Tom Brokow penned his *Greatest Generation* of WWII, I herald the onset of "WWIII", the Earth boldly refusing to helplessly let its vital signs drain in the greed of human deprivation fueled by colonial addiction to money and power.

We said "goodbye" several times before, only to find our way back to wordsmith, perhaps out of vanity to feed a literary addiction. This article, *August 2015,* may be one of those thresholds. Regardless, the sustaining health of Mama Gaia shall prevail, my dead body on the heap of its regeneration.

Better safe than sorry

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People make a list and check it twice during the holidays but not necessarily in preparation for any type of emergencies. Thankfully, Typhoon Soudelor didn't claim any life on Saipan but it showed how poorly prepared many are for a typhoon whether they admit it or not.

For example, did you know that a good rule of thumb is to have a disaster kit with enough food, drinking water and basic medical supplies to cover your households for three days to a week in case of a disaster?

You probably know that now but it was apparent that this wasn't common knowledge when Soudelor hit Saipan on Aug. 2 and 3, leaving hundreds of people homeless, without food and water within a day or two, and thousands more without power and water.

Soudelor, however, may just be the catalyst for rethinking island household emergency preparedness that goes beyond having a fully-charged mobile phone to be able to call 911 for help.

"Learned helplessness," as experts call it, leaves people unprepared to cope when disasters strike because they only rely on traditional sources of emergency services such as the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and recovery support such as cash handouts and food stamps within a few days. Major disasters can overwhelm any emergency response agency.

Luckily, Saipan has people who readily took it upon themselves to reach out to fellow typhoon victims by directly delivering water and food to them within the first few days after Soudelor pummeled the island with destructive winds and torrential rains.

In this case, neighbors and ordinary citizens became the first responders and the first to provide relief to a number of victims. And the outpouring of generosity from people near and far is incredible.

In this modern age, there are always advisories and warnings days ahead of a storm's passing over or near the area. A typhoon like Soudelor cannot sneak up on an entire island. Whether Soudelor was forecast to pack below or over 100 miles per hour of winds, the fact remains there was a typhoon coming and everyone was supposed to have some kind of preparation.

That could be boarding up typhoon shutters, seeking refuge at emergency shelters, buying food and water to last for three to seven days, preparing flashlights with batteries, gassing up one's vehicle, cleaning up one's backyard, and securing loose items or having cash on hand.

Citing examples of what should have been done is in no way further victimizing the victims but an attempt to help better prepare for future disasters. A typhoon-prone island's apparent lack of preparedness for a typhoon is an eye-opener and should spring every level of society into action, from households to the government level.

Experts say people should be prepared to look after themselves for at least three days after any major disaster. They could be on their own for days. Even neighbors may not be able to come to each other's aid right away.

A simple test is asking whether one's household can still eat or cook when the power goes out for days. Does the household have enough drinking water? Can the household still wash the dishes, flush the toilet and take showers when there's no water coming out of the faucet?

Does the household have cash at hand when credit cards or ATMs stop functioning? Is there enough gas in the vehicle to go to the hospital when needed? Does anyone have enough clean clothes to wear when doing one's laundry becomes impossible for a week?

Can anyone in the household walk a distance to get help in case mobile phones and landlines do not work and the family vehicle gets damaged after a disaster?

Unfortunately, typhoons are not the only ones that island households should be prepared for. There are also earthquakes, tsunamis, catastrophic flooding, and terror attacks.

Add to the list some of the popular disaster themes played out by Hollywood as of late, such as when the world stops having power supply (think of the TV series *Revolution*) or a virus or zombie apocalypse (think of the movie World War Z or the TV series *The Walking Dead* and *Z Nation*).

Saipan also knows too well the impact of being cut off from the rest of the world when the only undersea cable connecting the island to the rest of the world is cut: No mobile phone and landline services for calling or texting, no Internet, no ATMs, no credit cards, and no flights to and from the island.

As for longer-term recovery and preparedness, will the rebuilding of the same substandard tin-and-wooden houses using federal funds be allowed, only to be knocked down again by the next typhoon?

While the U.S. military and American Red Cross, for example, will always come to the CNMI's rescue when disasters strike, one can't expect these entities to be by one's doorstep within minutes or hours.

Saipan is thankful for the U.S. Marines for converting seawater to drinking water within days after Soudelor disrupted Saipan's water supply. But can and will the CNMI acquire the same technology as part of longer-term disaster preparedness?

Will the CNMI government better train and better equip its emergency response personnel? Will it invest in better, disaster-resilient equipment and infrastructure, or will it always rely on the U.S. federal government or Guam for even the most basic of needs such as food, drinking water, and power poles?

If the CNMI is to better survive the effects of Soudelor and future disasters, then now is the time for a more profound change in the way people think, prepare, and deal with emergencies. The sooner, the better because there is always another storm or typhoon coming.

Right's immigration arguments ignore America's majority-minority future

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Before you reach for that "Make America Great Again" hat, consider some immigration data and weigh the consequences:

From 2000 to 2010, the population of white children in the United States declined by 4.3 million, while the child population among Hispanics, Asians, and people of two or more races increased.

Among Hispanics, the median age is 29, while the median age of whites in the United States is 43.

One-third of U.S. Hispanics are under the age of 18—only one-fifth of U.S. whites are likewise.

When the civil rights laws were passed in the 1960s, only 15 percent of the population of the United States were racial minorities and most of them were blacks living in segregated areas—when the 2020 census is taken, more than 40 percent of the U.S. population will be racial minorities and almost half of the under-30 population will be racial minorities.

So where whites have comparatively become an aging, slowly growing population, minority groups are younger, include proportionately more women in their childbearing years and are expanding more rapidly. This shift doesn't sit well with some who see the influence of their own population group diminishing.

A 2011 Pew Research Center poll shows that only 23 percent of baby boomers and seniors regard the country's growing population of immigrants as a change for the better and 42 percent see it as a change for the worse. No doubt it's this group to whom Donald Trump has connected, enabling him to draw 30,000 to an Alabama college football stadium on a Friday night.

Assessing this dynamic, Patrick Buchanan told me on CNN last week that "we are becoming what Theodore Roosevelt warned us about, said it would be the end of the country if we become a polyglot boardinghouse for the world. I don't want that."

"Look, you have 31.3 million people who have come into this country in the last, I think, 30 to 40 years, who are immigrants now legal and illegal," he said. "Most of them are unskilled, have no skills, are semiskilled, and some of them skilled—don't tell me that doesn't depress wages of American workers."

There is, however, a different interpretation, that of a demographer who has recently studied changes in the youth population across the 50 states between 2000 and 2014 and who concludes that America should be grateful for the vitality the immigrant class provides.

"I'm not a politician, I sit here and I look at numbers on my computer," said William Frey, author of "Diversity Explosion: How New Racial Demographics Are Remaking America." "I don't get out and press the flesh or make decisions, so this is very simple, basic statistical stuff."

Frey argues that no fence is going to thwart the change that's already been seeded here. To hear him tell it, it's more about birthrates than borders.

He notes that we passed a significant milestone in 2011, when the first "majority-minority" birth class arrived in this country, meaning the first cohort in which the majority of U.S. babies were nonwhite minorities, of which Hispanics constituted the biggest group. Frey argues that we should consider ourselves lucky to have an influx that brings about these births at a time when the populations in some European countries and Japan have been shrinking. Ironically, he says, it's some of those most unsettled about the changes who stand to benefit, so long as the new minority class is afforded education and employment opportunity.

"The contributions of the new minorities are especially vital due to the impending retirement of white baby boomers," he writes in the book. Where the civil rights movement was spurred by a determination to do the right thing, he says, being "fair" with minority groups today is "economically imperative if only because of the self-interest of these older folks, who are going to be dependent on Medicare, on Social Security, and the money going into those funds comes from the working-age population. The main contributors will be, in the future, these younger minority folks who we want to make sure have good educations, can get into the middle class and get those good jobs so that they can pay into those systems.

"Politicians that try to fan the flame of division, who say, 'We don't need as much government,' 'Lower your taxes,' 'These people don't deserve it,' 'They're not Americans,' 'They're not a part of our country'—should instead be educating these older folks that this is so important for our country," he said.

He also disputes the widely held perception that illegal immigration is generating the most change.

"The undocumented population in the United States is 11 million, 11.2 million, whatever the new number is. It's only about 3 percent of the U.S. population," he said. "It's been flat or even declining over the last few years, so to me, this is a canard, in terms of the total need we have to have growth in our youth population because of the fact we're aging. One part of the population that's going to grow most rapidly over the next 20 years is the population of people over age 65, people who are retiring at this moment. What that means is we have a real need in our labor force to have young talented people to move into those ages."

Perhaps there is one area of agreement between Buchanan and Frey, namely that even as our majority-minority status is imminent, it's in everyone's best interest that young Americans are educated and well-prepared to assume their role as contributors to their community.

TRUMPING TRUMP
BY JOE "CHALLENGE FROM THE RIGHT OF THE FAR RIGHT'S RIGHT" FOURNIER
YOU SAY YOU LIKE TRUMP.
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.
▲86° ▼77°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.
▲86° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

THURSDAY
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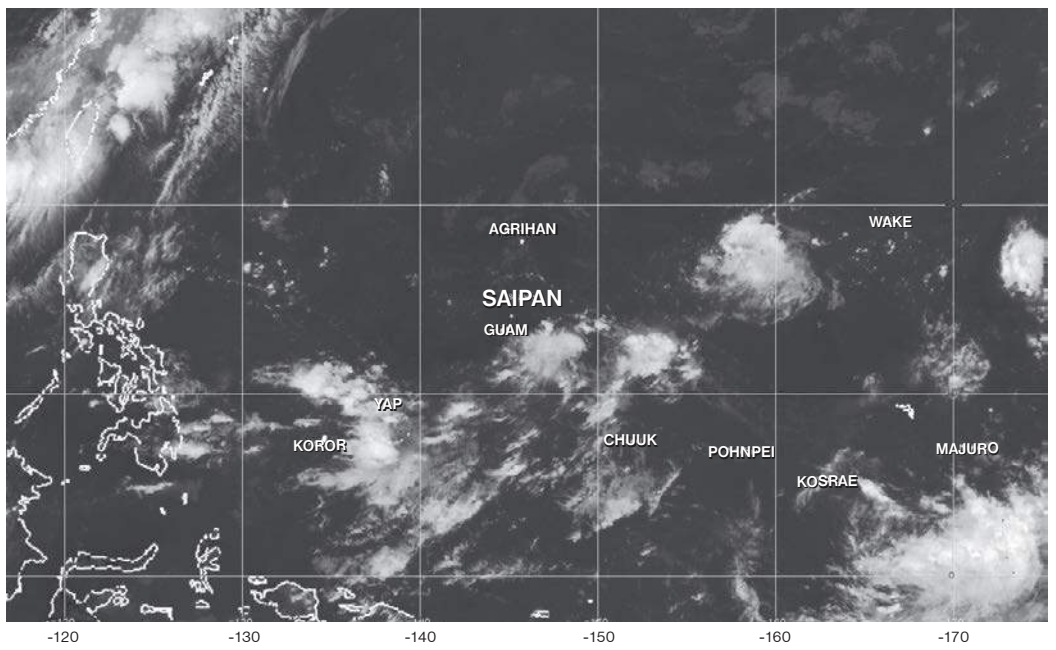

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches eastward from 15N130E to a weak circulation centered west of the Marianas near 16N143E then turns east-southeastward to go beyond the date line at 7N. Low-level convergence south of the trough axis is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Yap state and parts of the Republic of Palau between 11N and the equator from 134E to 144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring east of the Marianas as well as over Chuuk state between 14N and 4N from 147E to 156E farther southeast. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southeast of Kosrae and the Marshall Islands between 5N and the equator from 165E to the date line. A weak circulation is located southwest of Wake Island near 17N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 19N and 15N from 156E to 162E. A weak disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east-southeast of Wake Island between 19N and 15N from 172E to 176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲57	▼53
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼64
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲89	▼78
London	Showers	▲68	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼74
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼74
Paris	Rain	▲72	▼57
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲93	▼68
Salem	Showers	▲73	▼54
San Francisco	Sunny	▲70	▼59
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼66
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲85	▼73
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼73

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
9:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:53 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
10:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:31 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:30 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:44 PM	7:12 AM
Tuesday	8:34 PM	8:13 AM
Wednesday	9:24 PM	9:14 AM
Thursday	10:14 PM	10:13 AM
Friday	11:06 PM	11:12 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

EVM receives cascade of donations for relief efforts

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REPORTER

The Empty Vessel Ministry continues to receive donations for its relief efforts on Saipan.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) gave the organization 25 5-gallon water and cash donation of $300 to be used for water refills.

"It's a lot of refill and it's a blessing. Families are hurting. To get free water, right now I think that's the best thing," EVM's Rose Smith said.

Igisomar said he donated to EVM so as to reach as many people in the community.

"The day after the typhoon, my wife and I have been passing out water," Igisomar said. They were able to give up to 400 cases of water in villages such as Kagman, Tanapag, San Roque, and San Antonio. He also gave water to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, United4Saipan, and the Salvation Army.

Igisomar said the funds for the donations came from his office.

A $1,000 check was also donated to EVM by the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, a new organization started by Diann Torres, wife of Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters also donated $500 to EVM as well as the Northern Marianas Insurance Association.

"This is a big help so that we are able to continue providing water. Families will be able to refill up to three times and if we continue to receive more support, we would like to help families get water until they recover from the typhoon," Smith said.

Aside from water, EVM continues to give out clothes, shoes, and other household items to those who are in need. They said about 1,500 individuals have received free items at their EVM outreach store.

They were able to receive clothes from Karidat, Sons of Saipan, Island Apparel, Marianas Young Professionals, Rota and Guam residents, as well as families and individuals on island.

EVM is also awaiting a shipment from Hawaii that contains more clothes, blankets, futons, batteries, flashlights, tents, bug spray, and other necessities.

EVM is located in Gualo Rai on Middle Road across EZ Mart, on the second floor of Kylies Bakery. Families or individuals who need assistance with clothing, water, and basic needs are welcome or they can call 285-2197 or 483-0162.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar donated water and cash for refill to the EVM outreach center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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EVM received donation from the Northern Marianas Insurance Association.

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EVM's Dr Joel Smith and Rose receive a $1,000 donation from the new foundation of Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG Torres' wife Diann.

In Loving Memory

Merced Tenorio Torres

September 24, 1930 – August 26, 2015

In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband : †Dionicio Camacho Torres
Parents : †Blas P. and †Guadalupe P. Tenorio
Parents-in-Laws : †Jose and †Francisca C. Torres

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren:

Norbert/Regina C. Torres: Nathan/Mio (Nathaniel, Isa, Noah, Natawni, Naelani, Nathalie, Regina); Roxanne Torres/Abraham Quitugua, Jr. (Sean, Aubrey, Aycee); and Noki
Joseph/Bonneth Torres: Courtney/Stephen, Joseph Dionicio, and Jonelie
Guadalupe/Thomas B. Pangelinan: Alisa Pangelinan/Isaac Aguon (Payton); Tom/Kayla Atalig (Kaiya); Anthony/Carol and children.
Priscilla/Edward C. Dela Cruz: Zachary and Mercedes (Elijah)
Barbara/Juan M. Sablan: Jerold, Francine, Jadine/Hiroki (Dion, Kira); and Brenna; Benjamin/Charlene Cruz and children; Eddie/Renae Terlaje and children; and Michael/Lorraine Tkel and children.
Robert/Linda Torres: Nisho, Niki Rae, Miku

Siblings and In-Laws:
†Jose/Amparo Tenorio; †Dolores/†Roman M. Benavente; Pedro/Sophia P. Tenorio; Cecilia/†Marcelino DLG. Camacho; Susana/†Jesus P. Mafnas; Juan/Rita V. Tenorio; Ramona/Jesus T. Attao; †Esperanza/†Vicente Babauta; †Ninfa/†Pedro Attao; Leonard/Eula Sablan; †Vicente/Martina D. Camacho.

Paternal Aunt: Nan Chong T. Sablan (Pitu)

She will also be missed by her numerous relatives and godchildren.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of her soul are celebrated daily at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015. Her remains will be escorted from the CHCC Morgue at 7:00 a.m. to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will follow at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband, †Dionicio.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.

From the family of the late †Dionicio Camacho Torres and †Merced Tenorio Torres

An inside look at a FEMA housing inspection visit

Federal Emergency Management Agency inspectors continue to examine property damage as part of the FEMA process that brings assistance to Saipan residents who have registered with FEMA in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

Applicants will receive their inspections in the order that they were received as long as the survivors are reachable when the inspector contacts them to schedule the inspection. If their phone is not working or the inspectors cannot get a hold of them, this will delay their inspection date. Inspectors will attempt contact by phone on at least three separate occasions and, if they are unable to reach the applicants by phone, will attempt to physically locate the damaged dwelling to see if they can contact the applicants in person.

When inspectors visit the dwelling, and if no one is there to receive the inspection, they will leave a "Sorry I Missed You" letter that includes the inspector's contact phone number on it and a number to call if the inspection is returned after the three unsuccessful attempts. FEMA advises survivors to assist themselves in the process by ensuring they have given FEMA a working phone number where they can be reached, have their ownership/occupancy verification form ready to show to the inspectors when they arrive, and provide clear directions to their houses, or to landmarks the inspectors can work off of. Applicants should also make sure their town is included in the FEMA registration when providing the damaged dwelling's physical address.

"Inspectors are in the field to confirm your loss,» said Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. of FEMA. «We encourage residents with property damage to register quickly with FEMA and be ready to welcome our inspectors who will help speed your claim process."

Before an inspector is assigned to an applicant, homeowners and renters with uninsured or underinsured disaster-related damage must register with FEMA. Survivors can register by phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for survivors with hearing disabilities. Online registration is also available 24/7 at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Multilingual assistance is available.

Once applicants have registered:

■ An inspector will call to schedule an appointment to visit the damaged property. This is necessary to confirm eligibility for FEMA assistance for disaster-related losses. Applicants are asked to be at home when inspectors visit.

■ The inspector will evaluate the extent of damage to an applicant's house or apartment and determine whether it is in a livable condition by checking the building and its systems. Damage to major appliances—washer, dryer, furnace, refrigerator, stove—will be assessed. Inspectors should be informed about any important losses such as clothing, medical equipment, tools needed for a trade and educational materials.

■ Homeowners and renters with private septic systems and wells should point out these facilities. FEMA assistance may be available to repair or replace damaged systems.

■ Applicants can help speed the inspection by having documents—mortgage payment, utility receipt, lease, etc.—ready to show proof of ownership or occupancy to the inspector. Having insurance papers available if possible is also helpful.

FEMA inspectors have agency photo identification and will never charge a fee for any service. If you suspect fraud from any inspector or other person offering assistance, report them to the nearest law enforcement agency and to the FEMA toll-free Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721.

When a FEMA Housing Inspector visits your home, someone 18 years of age or older who lived in the household prior to the disaster must be present for the scheduled appointment. The inspector will ask to see:

■ Photo identification.

■ Proof of ownership/occupancy of damaged residence (structural insurance, tax bill, mortgage payment book/utility bill).

■ Insurance documents: home and/or auto (structural insurance/auto declaration sheet).

■ List of household occupants living in residence at time of disaster.

■ All disaster-related damages to both real and personal property.

If you are unable to provide traditional proof of ownership/occupancy (such as tax bill, mortgage payment books, deed, title, insurance), you can get a signed letter by a local precinct representative to validate the physical location of a home/dwelling (a P.O. Box address is not sufficient). Ownership/Occupancy Verification Letters can be picked up at fire stations in Kagman, Garapan, Susupe, San Roque, or Koblerville; at the Disaster Recovery Center at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe; or at shelters located at the Kagman Community Center, Tanapag Headstart, or Saipan Aging Center.

Once filled out, take the form to your local fire station. They will provide you with a contact number to reach your local precinct representative to validate.

If you have been displaced and need transportation to and from the housing inspection, you can contact the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority at (670) 237-8000 to schedule transportation.

Once the inspection process is complete, your case will be reviewed by FEMA and you will receive a letter or email outlining the decision about your claim. If you qualify for FEMA assistance, you will receive a check or direct deposit, and a separate letter explaining how you may use the money. Homeowners may use FEMA housing repair grants for essential repairs to make their residence safe, secure and livable. These grants are for repairs necessary to make primary rooms habitable. FEMA assistance may not make you whole again, but it can start you on the road to recovery. ***(FEMA)***

DFS hosts major Chinese tour operators

BY JOEL PINAROC
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REPORTER

Some of the top executives of the largest tour operators in China recently visited Saipan on a "familiarization tour" organized by DFS, which the operates duty free shop, T Galleria.

Marian Aldan-Pierce, president of DFS Saipan Ltd., said the VIPS from the tour operators arrived Friday and were given a tour of the temporary casino at T Galleria.

Aldan-Pierce said the group will stay for two nights and will also be given a tour of other activities that Saipan can offer. The group leaves today.

She said the "familiarization tour" is expected to give the operators a glimpse of what Saipan can offer when it comes to tourism.

Increasing arrivals

Richard Zhou, vice president of global PRC travel industry marketing, said the purpose of inviting the big tour operators is to increase tourist arrivals on Saipan.

"We are trying to increase Saipan PRC cycle arrivals. This year, we see cycle arrival to be 220,000. By next year, we see 260,000 to 280,000. This is on a yearly basis," Zhou said.

He said China's tourist arrivals is now "almost the same as Korea, but will be higher in two to three years."

"We want to make Saipan a preferred destination. Saipan is becoming well-known, but the key challenge is still room capacity," Zhou said.

The executive said more charter flights are also being planned.

Currently, 10 charter flights from China fly to Saipan every week.

"More charters are coming in next year, three more charter flights from different cities," Zhou said.

He added that the casino is just one of the features that Chinese tourists are looking for, and for many, the natural beauty of Saipan is its biggest draw.

Aside from its natural beauty, one key advantage of Saipan, according to Zhou, is its proximity to the mainland. Some Chinese cities are only four hours away from Saipan.

Best Sunshine

Immediately after arriving, the tour groups met with officials of DFS and Best Sunshine International Ltd.

Matthew Harkness, BSI chief operating officer, said the having the tour groups come over "means a lot."

"What is good for Saipan is good for Best Sunshine. These operators are very important to the economy of Saipan. This means a lot to us, to give them an idea of what we have now, and an opportunity to show what we are building right across the street," Harkness said.

He added that the visitors seem "really happy" and "appreciative" and "somewhat surprised" from what they saw, particularly some new amenities that Saipan now has.

Harkness said BSI is targeting not just China but also other source markets such as Korea and Japan, which will always be important markets.

110 concrete poles arrive

Bringing the number of concrete poles aiding in typhoon recovery to 200, another 110 concrete poles arrived at the Port of Saipan last Saturday morning, according acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director John Riegel yesterday.

Two hundred were originally ordered for CUC. The first 90 concrete poles arrived on Aug. 22.

Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday that the first batch of poles had been installed.

Weather conditions and the closure of the port had delayed the first set of 90 poles by a week.

Riegel did not yet know if any of the 110 poles had been installed, saying CUC crews were unloading them Saturday morning.

FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio said Friday they are flying in another 150 wooden poles.

Meantime, power is back to the local hospital after a "wiring anomaly" caused it to go off the grid last week. Riegel said this was due equipment at the hospital not being properly grounded. CUC went in to inspect this last week. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

Aetna provides help in wake of Soudelor

In response to the destruction following Typhoon Soudelor, Aetna has procedures in place to make sure members have easy access to health care you need on Saipan during this difficult time.

Here's what members need to know:

■ Most of the doctors on Saipan are in Aetna International's NetCare network, so the providers will bill Aetna International on behalf of members.

■ If members have incurred an expense with a provider that is not part of Aetna International's network, they can submit the claim for reimbursement. If they have lost their receipts, members can call Aetna International's Member Services Team for help.

■ The Aetna International pharmacy team is ready to help authorize prescription refills for members in case their medications were lost in the typhoon. Members can contact the three in-network pharmacies regarding their prescription refills via the pharmacy help desk at 888-792-3862.

■ We are offering a free clinical consultation service to members coping with stress and other psychological effects as a result of the typhoon. Members can call the International Service Center 800-231-7729 (toll free) or 813-775-0190 (collect) and ask to be transferred to an International Employee Assistance Program counselor.

Members can contact Aetna any time by calling +813-775-0190; fax: +859-425-3363; or email: aiservice@aetna.com. ***(Aetna)***

In Loving Memory of

†Maria Rosa Matagolai Mendiola Dela Rosa

Lovingly known as "Kitalang"

January 7, 1964 – August 25, 2015

She now joins those who have gone before her:

Grandparents: †Pedro & †Guadalupe Blas; †Vicente & †Regina Matagolai; †Vicente & Rosa Mendiola
Mother: †Lucia Matagolai Mendiola
Husband: †Joseph Duenas Dela Rosa
Daughter: †Marissa Mendiola Dela Rosa
Mother-in-law: †Antonia Duenas Dela Rosa
Brother-in-law: †Donald Duenas Dela Rosa; †William Duenas Dela Rosa
Grandparents-in-law: †Jose / Nieves Duenas
Parents-in-law: †Roman/Chong Reyes

Her memories will be forever in the hearts of her:

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Antonio and Lucia Mendiola
Children: Joseph, Jr. & Adela Mendiola Dela Rosa *(Marissa Obehou, Honarie, Navaeh, Madison Hailey, Aubrey Jo)*; Maisy Lucille DR. & John Green *(Luciana Marie, Lexie Ann, Laila Joy)*; Antolynn Rachel M. Dela Rosa
Father-in-law: Tony Dela Rosa

Brothers & Sisters:
Irene P. /Antonio Deleon Guerrero *(Joycelyn)*
Charlene M. /Patrick Tenorio *(Monique/Dirk, Cadez, Anthony, Peter Michael, Patrick Jr.)*
Edwin/ May Blas *(Raymond, Brandon)*
Dominic/ Sherry Pangelinan *(Vondeuck, Jerrilyn, DJ, Havenly, Iziah)*

Brothers and Sisters In-Law:
Frances/Martin Pangelinan and Children
Rudy/Nora Dela Rosa and Children
Vivian/Marciano Palacios and Children
†William/Ely Dela Rosa and Children
Robert D. Dela Rosa
Julie DR./Ray Mendoza and Children
Nora DR./Michael Santos and Children
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Reyes & Children
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Reyes & Children
Mr. & Mrs. †Joseph Reyes & children

Special Uncle: Ricardo T. Mendiola

She will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, in-laws and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Her remains will be escorted from CHCC Morgue at 7:30am to San Jose Church. Responso services will be held upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will then be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment services at Mount Carmel Cemetery, where she will be laid at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Children and Family of the late †Maria Rosa Matagolai Mendiola Dela Rosa

Biba Marianas!

Beautiful Saipan, Tinian, and Rota beckon

With the recovery from Typhoon Soudelor progressing quickly and smoothly and most tourism operations restored, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota continue to welcome visitors seeking to enjoy beautiful nature without sacrificing modern conveniences.

The Marianas Visitors Authority has assured tourism partners that visitors to Saipan –which suffered the most damage during the typhoon –are enjoying the islands in comfort.

"Hotels are open, restaurants are open, water sports and land tours are open, and most importantly –the tropical sun is shining today and beaches are open," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "Social media gave a very realistic picture of the damage after the storm, and we encourage visitors to take a look at the wonderful photos now coming out –many posted by visitors -that show tourism and island life returning to normal. We are definitely open for business."

The latest photos and updates are posted on the MVA's Facebook pages: My Marianas (Marianas Visitors Authority).

"The resiliency of the people and a renewed sense of community has been extraordinary over the last three weeks," said Tenorio. "The average visitor will have the same quality of experience as before the storm, except perhaps for some stores accepting only cash and some restaurants remaining closed. The important things visitors look for are still here, including our beautiful nature, fresh air, clean ocean, and complete relaxation."

The iconic Beach Road, which suffered downed trees and power poles after the storm, is now fully open and once again offers a picturesque view of Saipan's lagoon. ***(MVA)***

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Visitors enjoy sun, sand and surf at Managaha in the Northern Mariana Islands on Aug. 24, 2015.

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Visitors pause for picture-taking during morning low tide in Saipan on Aug. 25, 2015.

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Hundreds of tourists visit haward-winning Managaha in the Northern Mariana Islands on Aug. 24, 2015.

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Kayaking and other water sports are enjoyed by visitors in Saipan's lagoon on Aug. 25, 2015.

Daughter deep in debt needs counseling, not more money

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago I gave my adult daughter, married with a child, more than $16,000 to help pay off her debts because she couldn't pay her bills. She and her husband maintain separate accounts, which I find odd. He pays certain expenses; she pays others. Now I find she's deep in debt again and needs more help.

I'm 69, married and retired. We have some savings and I'd like to help her. However, I'm afraid if I take more money out of our savings, we may not have enough to cover an emergency or if either of us needs nursing home care.

She is a good and loving daughter, and I feel bad that I may not be able to help her. Do you see any solution to my problem?

DENNIS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DENNIS: You must stop enabling your adult daughter. Rather than offer more of your savings, it's important to find out what is causing her spending problem. (Drugs? Depression? A shopping addiction?) Then steer her and her husband to a credit counseling organization that can help her without placing your future welfare in jeopardy.

Legitimate credit counseling firms are affiliated with the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, the Association of Credit Counseling Professionals, or the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies. This isn't your problem, and it shouldn't be. You have done enough.

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend we had our children and grandkids over for a family birthday. We looked after the children, cooked, waited on everyone and cleaned up afterward while the adults sat texting or playing on their cellphones.

Abby, this is not so much a question as an observation for anyone of any age who is invited to visit someone's home:

Spending time on the cellphone rather than socializing is rude. It says our company is not valued. It says that neither we nor your children are important enough for your attention. It teaches children that it isn't necessary to be social, offer to help clear the table, or be gracious and appreciative when someone prepares a meal for them.

The visit left a bitter taste, and it will be a long time before we invite our children and grandchildren to our home again. I know cellphones are part of our culture, but adults still have the power to choose what is important and turn them off!

DISCONNECTED IN MIDTOWN, TENN.

DEAR DISCONNECTED: Now that you have vented, may I pose a question? While your children were sitting on their fannies after the meal, did you or your spouse TELL them you needed help, that their children needed minding and that their behavior was rude? Because if you didn't, please recognize that the behaviors you described do not spring up overnight, and you may be partly responsible for how your children turned out.

"Not inviting them for a long time" isn't the answer, because they may not get the "hint." If you say what's on your mind, you may startle them into modeling better behavior for their children before it's too late. Putting into words how their behavior made you feel would be more direct and more effective.

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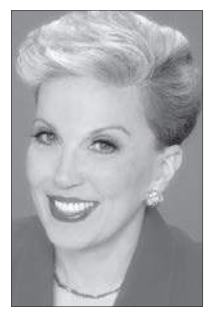

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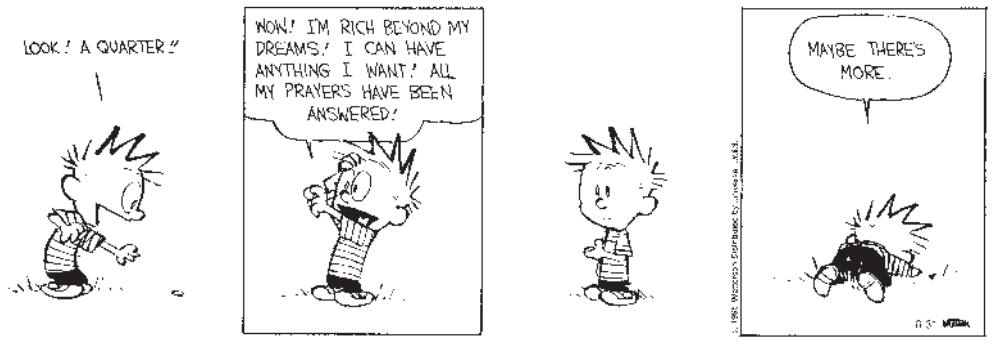

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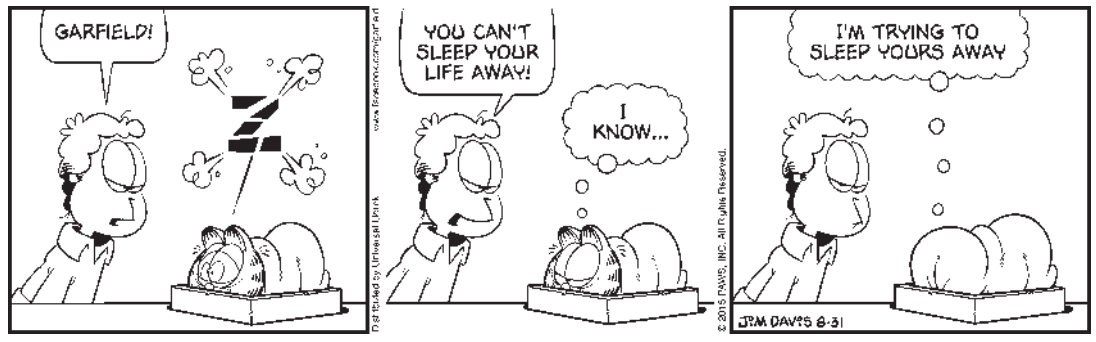

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WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I TRIED THAT NEW COFFEE SHOP.
IT'S NO GOOD?
NO, IT'S FANTASTIC! THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
WHAT ABOUT ANDRE'S PLACE? TAKING MY BUSINESS ELSEWHERE COULD DEVASTATE THEM!
I FEEL A GREAT DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE.
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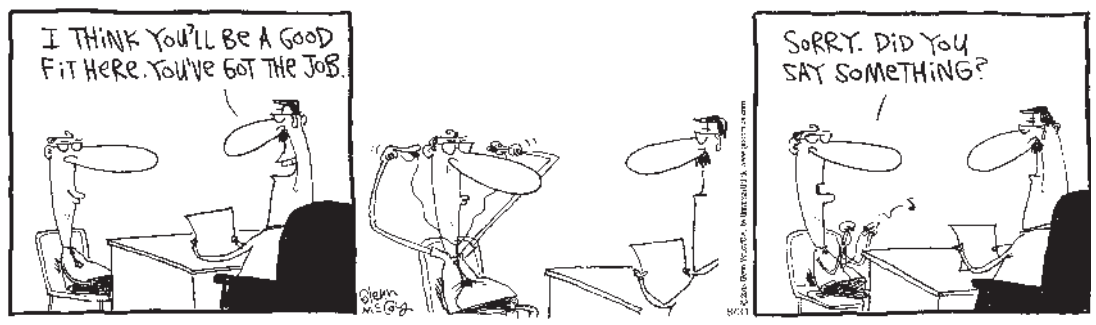

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Method
4 Scent
9 Proof letters
12 Raw mineral
13 Apple pie maker's device
14 Guitar's cousin
15 Huge Asian snake
17 Still, in verse
18 — de plume
19 Avaricious
21 Renounce
24 Deserve
25 Meadow
26 Parched
28 Dining room need
31 Diplomacy
33 Pouch
35 Feeder filler
36 Egyptian crosses
38 "— favor, señor"
40 Compass dir.
41 Topple (over)
43 Actor Liam
45 Cantankerous
47 Kan. neighbor
48 Evening hour in the past
49 "The Sign" band (1994)
54 Sprite
55 Chatter
56 Jewel
57 Born
58 Detester
59 H-deux-O

DOWN

1 Stir-fry pan
2 "Entourage" role
3 Japanese money
4 Agreement
5 Tenants
6 Sphere
7 Become one
8 Noah's landing site
9 Hive leaders
10 Supplemented, with "out"
11 Contradict
16 Wildebeest
20 History chapters
21 Sask. neighbor
22 Legume
23 Type of dive
27 Mouth, slangily
29 Carson's successor
30 Paradise
32 You, old-style
34 Mean
37 Angelic figure
39 Short coat
42 Wetsuit material
44 Recede
45 Microwave, e.g.
46 Anger
50 Chow down
51 Time of your life?
52 The Red or the Black
53 Ostrich's relative

Solution time: 26 mins.

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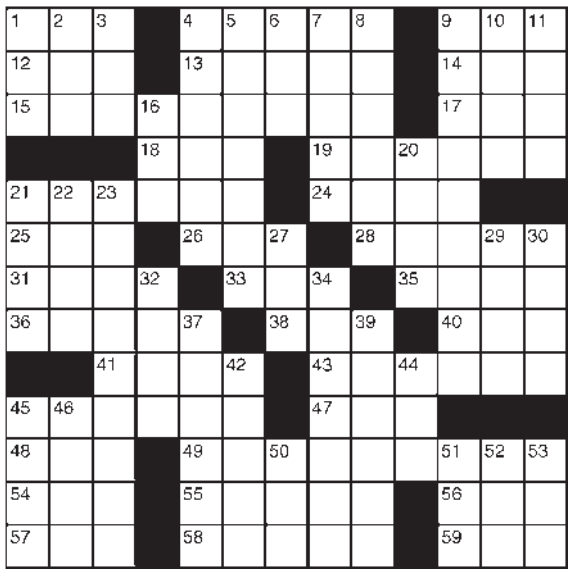

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Happy Birthday: Put an end to whatever isn't working for you anymore. Keep your distance from people who bring you down or hold you back. Challenge yourself forget the past and live in the moment, eager to explore what lies ahead. Change is good, but only you can bring about positive changes that will create a happier future. Your numbers are 5, 13, 20, 26, 31, 38, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You'll miss out on the things you want to do if you procrastinate. Get responsibilities out of the way so you can focus on social plans that will ease your stress. Love will blossom if you plan a romantic evening. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Look for opportunities that will bring in cash, not schemes that will deplete your funds. Accept invitations to socialize or to travel to an unfamiliar destination. Children will inspire you and enhance your life. Expand your mind, knowledge and interests. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Check out what's going on in your neighborhood or community. Get involved in making your surroundings a safer place to live. Focus on love, family and personal security. Embrace and instigate positive changes that will make you feel good. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't feel guilty or unsure of who you are or what you can do. Try something new and you'll find an outlet that eases your stress and brings you in contact with interesting people. Different philosophies or cultures will spark your interest. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Listen and learn, but don't jump into something just because everyone else is taking part. Do your due diligence and you'll discover what's best for you. Invest in your own talent and skills, not in what someone else is doing. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Refuse to let anyone talk you into overindulging. Moderation and hard work will be required if you want to come out on top. With a little pressure, you can turn the tables and employ others to follow your lead. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't share personal information or let your personal troubles interfere with your professional responsibilities. Emotions will escalate and are best controlled by doing something that will bring you satisfaction. Helping others will in turn help you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Hang on to your cash. Spending on frivolous items or to impress someone you love will lead to stress and negative financial consequences. Concentrate on making lifestyle changes that are geared toward spending less and learning more. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Your outgoing, playful nature will capture both favorable and unfavorable attention. Keep things honest and your promises realistic if you intend to avoid trouble. Live up to your own high standards and focus on doing and being your best. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Dealing with family and friends, beliefs and cultural backgrounds will lead to questions and controversy. Don't argue about politics or religion if you want to avoid a battle you cannot win. Look for opportunities, not discord. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be the one to get the ball rolling. Let your innovative ideas lead to new beginnings and opportunities. There is money to be made if you step up and put your plans into motion. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Rethink your current position. A partnership may not be based on what's most important to you anymore. It's never too late to make a change, especially if it will make you happy and less stressed about your life and future. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are proud, disciplined and precise. You are patient and productive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

5		4	1	8		3		6
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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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1	2	3	4	9	6	8	7	5
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5	8	1	9	2	4	7	3	6
6	9	4	7	3	1	2	5	8

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/31

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By DAVID OUELLET

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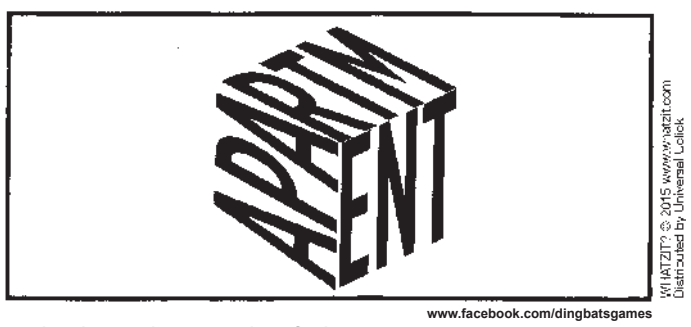

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Fan killed in fall during Yankees' win over Braves

ATLANTA (AP)— Rookie pitcher Luis Severino allowed four hits in six scoreless innings to lead the New York Yankees to a 3-1 victory over Matt Wisler and the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night.

Severino (3-1) was lifted for pinch-hitter Alex Rodriguez in the seventh. Soon after Rodriguez was introduced, a fan fell from the upper level deck onto the lower level seats. He was given emergency treatment and transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The fan, a man believed to be in his 60s, was not identified by police pending notification of next of kin.

The Yankees remained 1 ½ games behind first-place Toronto in the AL East with their second straight win over the Braves.

The Braves have lost four straight and 11 of 12. The sellout crowd of 49,243 was a season-high at Turner Field.

Andrew Miller pitched a perfect ninth for his 28th save.

Wisler (5-5), also a rookie right-hander, gave up two runs, four hits and four walks in six-plus innings.

AP

Rescue workers carry an injured fan from the stands at Turner Field during a baseball game between Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, in Atlanta.

Blue Jays 15, Tigers 1

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit three home runs and equaled a Toronto record with nine RBIs.

Encarnacion extended his hitting streak to 24 games, the longest in the majors this season, with a three-run homer off Buck Farmer (0-3) in the first inning.

Encarnacion hit a two-run shot off Guido Knudson in the sixth, then connected for a grand slam against Alex Wilson in the seventh.

Encarnacion hit his third slam of the season, matching the club record shared by Carlos Delgado and Darrin Fletcher.

The Blue Jays have scored 10 or more runs in 21 games this year. They have totaled 709 runs this season—the Yankees began the day second in the majors with 604.

Drew Hutchison (13-2) won his fourth straight start.

Cardinals 6, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Lance Lynn pitched into the eighth inning before leaving with ankle injury that's not considered serious and beat San Francisco for the first time in his career.

Lynn (11-8) awkwardly came off the mound to field Juan Perez's leadoff chopper in the eighth and twisted his right ankle trying to throw to first. He gave up six hits, struck out two and walked two. He had been 0-4 with a 6.33 ERA in his previous four regular-season starts against San Francisco and 0-1 in three postseason outings.

The right-hander outpitched Ryan Vogelsong (9-10).

Red Sox 3, Mets 1

In New York, Joe Kelly won his sixth straight outing by outpitching Jacob deGrom.

Mookie Betts homered and scored twice as the last-place Red Sox won for the eighth time in 11 games. They have taken the first two this weekend at Citi Field after the NL East-leading Mets returned from an 8-1 road trip. New York has dropped five straight at home, its worst skid of the season.

Kelly (8-6) gave up five hits over 7 1-3 innings—matching his previous start for his longest of the year.

Jean Machi pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

DeGrom (12-7) rebounded from a bout of food poisoning that perhaps contributed to the worst start of his two-year career Monday at Philadelphia. On Saturday, he struck out 10 in six innings, yielding two runs and four hits.

Royals 6, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Mike Moustakas had three hits and three RBIs, and Kendrys Morales kept up his torrid two-out hitting for AL Central-leading Kansas City.

Morales had an RBI single and Moustakas a run-scoring double off Jake Odorizzi (6-7) as the Royals grabbed a 4-3 lead in the fifth. Morales leads the majors with 47 RBIs with two outs this season, breaking the team record of 46 set by Joe Randa in 2000.

Lorenzo Cain had a run-scoring single in the sixth, and Moustakas added an RBI single in the ninth.

Kris Medlen (3-0) allowed three runs and four hits over 5 1-3 innings in his second start and ninth appearance since returning from elbow ligament replacement surgery. Wade Davis got the last three outs for his 13th save.

Nationals 5, Marlins 1

In Washington, Clint Robinson and Ian Desmond hit back-to-back home runs, and Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven innings for Washington.

Ryan Zimmerman also homered for the Nationals, who pulled within 5 1-2 games of first-place New York in the NL East.

Zimmermann (11-8) won his third straight start. He gave up a run and seven hits. Justin Bour ended Zimmermann's shutout bid with his 12th homer leading off the seventh.

Miami starter Tom Koehler (8-13) is still seeking his first win since July 23. He allowed five runs and nine hits over six innings in losing his seventh straight. He did have two hits.

Phillies 4, Padres 3

In Philadelphia, Adam Morgan pitched six strong innings and drove in the eventual winning run, and Darnell Sweeney homered to lead Philadelphia.

The Phillies have won all five games against San Diego this season and 11 of 14.

Matt Kemp returned to the lineup for San Diego after missing two games due to a sore left shoulder and extended his streak of safely reaching base to 18 straight games with a sixth-inning single.

The Padres have lost five of six.

Morgan (5-4) recovered from the worst outing of his young career by surrendering six hits with three strikeouts and no walks. He gave up two runs, but neither was earned.

Fellow rookie Colin Rea (2-2) pitched into the sixth and was tagged for four runs and six hits with four strikeouts and two walks in his fourth major-league start.

Pirates 4, Rockies 3

In Pittsburgh, J.A. Happ worked into the sixth inning as Aramis Ramirez hit a three-run homer for Pittsburgh.

Happ and Ramirez, both acquired near the trade deadline to give the Pirates needed depth, helped Pittsburgh improve to 14-3 in their last 17 games. Mark Melancon gave up a two-run homer to Nick Hundley in the ninth but hung on for his 43rd save.

Happ (7-7) won his third straight decision after giving up one run and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. Ramirez sent a breaking ball from Chris Rusin (4-7) into the seats in left field in the first inning for his 13th home run of the season and second since rejoining the Pirates on July 25.

Indians 8, Angels 3

In Cleveland, Yan Gomes' eighth-inning grand slam capped a five-run rally for Cleveland.

Gomes homered to center on the first pitch from Joe Smith (4-4) for his first career grand slam, lifting Cleveland to its fourth straight win.

Carlos Santana's RBI double broke a 3-all tie and sent Los Angeles to its seventh loss in nine games.

Bryan Shaw (3-2) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for Cleveland.

Smith entered the game to start the eighth but didn't retire a batter, allowing five runs, four hits and an intentional walk.

Mike Trout, the reigning AL MVP, was 0 for 3 with a walk and is hitting .194 (18 for 93) in August. He is 1 for 16 in five games against the Indians this season. Trout hasn't homered in 21 games, the longest drought of his career.

Astros 4, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Mike Fiers followed his no-hitter with another stellar start for Houston, allowing three hits in six-plus innings for first-place Houston.

Fiers (2-0) struck out five while surrendering one run, on a bases-loaded double-play grounder hit by Trevor Plouffe in the fourth. He left two on with no outs in the seventh inning, but Will Harris struck out two of the next three batters.

Luis Valbuena hit a two-run double and Evan Gattis and Jake Marisnick had RBI singles against Mike Pelfrey (6-8), who has combined for only 13 2-3 innings over his last three starts.

Luke Gregerson got the last three outs for his 25th save.

Mariners 7, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Kyle Seager hit a two-run home run in a three-run first inning as Seattle withstood Chicago's late rally.

Hisashi Iwakuma (6-3) gave up two runs and seven hits and worked out of two bases-loaded jams in 5 2-3 innings to get his fourth win in his last five outings.

White Sox starter Jeff Samardzija (8-11) took his career-worst sixth straight loss.

Chicago trailed 7-2 with two outs in the eighth before rallying for four runs. Tom Wilhelmsen got the last four outs for his sixth save in six chances.

Reds 12, Brewers 9

In Milwaukee, Joey Votto put Cincinnati ahead with a two-run home run in the ninth inning.

Trailing 9-8, Votto hit his 25th homer off Brewers closer Francisco Rodriguez (0-3), whose streak of 35 consecutive saves dating to last season was broken. Todd Frazier hit his 30th homer for the Reds.

Aroldis Chapman pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 25th save in 27 chances. J.J. Hoover (6-0) got the win.

The win ended the Red's four-game losing streak, and the team has won twice in its last 15 games.

Cincinnati starter Matt Garza lasted just 3 2-3 innings, giving up seven runs and 11 hits. Garza has given up 19 runs and 27 hits over his last 13 1-3 innings.

Rangers 4, Orioles 3

In Arlington, Texas, Bobby Wilson lined a tie-breaking single with two outs in the sixth inning, and Adrian Beltre hit his 13th home run for Texas.

The Rangers have won three straight. The Orioles have lost 10 of their last 12. In each loss, they have scored three runs or fewer.

Wilson snapped a 3-3 tie when he lined Mychal Givens' first pitch over third baseman Manny Machado to score Elvis Andrus, who reached on a two-out triple.

Rangers left-hander Martin Perez (2-3) allowed three runs and seven hits with no walks in 6 1-3 innings.

Ubaldo Jimenez (9-9) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Shawn Tolleson earned his 28th save in 30 attempts, stranding runners at first and third in the ninth.

Athletics 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Stephen Vogt atoned for mistakes from the previous game, hitting a splashdown homer into the Chase Field swimming pool and driving in three runs for Oakland.

Vogt broke a 2-all tie with a bloop single in the eighth inning. The A's catcher had two passed balls that were big factors in Oakland's 6-4 loss in the series opener Friday night.

Fernando Rodriguez (4-1) pitched two innings for the victory as Oakland won at Arizona for the first time since June 17, 2008.

Drew Pomeranz struck out the side in the ninth for his third save as the Diamondbacks fell to 1-5 on their homestand.

Andrew Chafin (5-1) took the loss.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 2

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier singled in two runs in the seventh inning, helping Los Angeles rally for its fifth consecutive victory.

The Dodgers overcame a balk by starter Mat Latos that put the Cubs ahead in the fifth to pound out six of their 11 hits in a four-run seventh.

J.P. Howell (5-1) earned the win in relief, striking out one in one-third of an inning. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth to earn his 27th save.

The Cubs dropped their fourth straight.

Jon Lester (8-10) gave up five runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. The left-hander struck out seven and walked none in his first road start since July 18 at Atlanta.

Bae tied for lead at Barclays as military service looms

EDISON, N.J. (AP)—Ryan Palmer can't imagine the emotions if he were to win The Barclays a week after his father died. Bae Sang-moon would love nothing more than to play in the Presidents Cup at home in South Korea before he starts his mandatory military service. Jason Day is one round away from being in the race for No. 1 in the world.

The FedEx Cup playoffs suddenly are about a lot more than a $10 million bonus at the end.

Bae and Day traded birdies through the third round Saturday at Plainfield Country Club. Their best-ball score would have been 56. On their own, each had a 7-under 63 and were tied for the lead going at 11-under 199, one shot ahead of Bubba Watson (67).

Bae has to start his two-year military stint when he returns to South Korea. With a victory on Sunday, he would be assured a spot on the International team for the Presidents Cup, which is being held in his home country for the first time and will be the biggest golf event in South Korea.

"I have a really tough situation right now, but I don't think about it anymore, actually," he said. "I have to go back. So that is a few weeks later. So I just want to play good golf this week and really want to play Presidents Cup in my country."

The emotion comes from Palmer, who hasn't had a top 10 in the last three months. He is playing a week after his 71-year-old father died just north of Amarillo, Texas, when his SUV overturned. Palmer has found peaceful moments on the golf course, and while dropping two shots late in his round Saturday, he had a 65 and was two shots behind.

AP

Sang-Moon Bae, of Republic of Korea, hits out of a bunker on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Friday, Aug. 14, 2015, at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.

At times, Palmer caught himself wondering what it would mean to win with a family grieving at home.

"But then I just kind of come back saying, `OK, let's just hit this shot, let's not get too ahead of ourselves yet.' I don't know what it's going to be like if it happens," Palmer said after a 65. "I can't put into words what it would mean for sure."

Day, just like he did on the par 5s at Whistling Straits when he won his first major two weeks ago, cracked a 343-yard drive down the middle on the 601-yard 16th hole, and then hit a 4-iron to 18 feet and holed it for eagle to tie for the lead.

Day and Bae made bogey from the rough on the 17th, and both got up-and-down for birdie on the reachable 18th.

A victory by the 27-year-old Australian would be his fourth win of the year, tying him with Jordan Spieth for most on the PGA Tour this year, and allow him to join the race for No. 1 going into the final month of the tour season. Spieth, who missed the cut, will lose the No. 1 spot to Rory McIlroy.

"I'm shooting for my fourth win of the season, so I can't really get ahead of myself," Day said. "I've just got to not be satisfied with the score that I'm at. I've just got to keep pushing, because the moment that you're satisfied with a score is the moment that you mentally kind of take a break and you start making mistakes."

Still, Bae might have the most at stake.

He had been able to avoid his mandatory military service through his PGA Tour career until it was determined that he spent too much time in South Korea last year. He appealed the decision at the start of the year, and the military courts ruled a month ago that he had to serve. Bae accepted the decision, though he remains in America to finish out the FedEx Cup. It was not clear when the military service starts, or if he could even play Oct. 8-11 in the Presidents Cup.

Ex-NBA star Darryl Dawkins, aka 'Chocolate Thunder' has died

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Darryl Dawkins was once summoned in the Philadelphia 76ers' locker room to come meet a celebrity who wanted to meet the man known for dunking with backboard-breaking force.

The guest was Grammy Award winner Stevie Wonder. The entertainer is blind, yet even he could tell there was something very unique about Dawkins' game.

"A guy who never saw me," a beaming Dawkins said in a 2011 televised interview, "gave me the name `Chocolate Thunder.'"

The name stuck, and the rim-wrecking, glass-shattering dunks remain unforgettable—as will the giant of a man who changed the game with them. Dawkins died Thursday at a hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania, according to the Lehigh County coroner's office. He was 58, and even though officials said an autopsy would be performed on Friday his family released a statement saying the cause of death was a heart attack.

"Darryl touched the hearts and spirits of so many with his big smile and personality, ferocious dunks, but more than anything, his huge, loving heart," his family said. "His family, wife Janice, children Dara, Tabitha, Nicholas and Alexis, along with countless family, friends, and fans, all mourn his loss.

"More than anything Darryl accomplished in his basketball career as the inimitable `Chocolate Thunder,' he was most proud of his role and responsibility as a husband and father," his family added.

Dawkins, the first player to go from high school into the first round of the NBA draft, spent parts of 14 seasons in the NBA with Philadelphia, New Jersey, Utah and Detroit. He averaged 12 points and 6.1 rebounds in 726 career regular-season games.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Dawkins was "beloved around the league."

"The NBA family is heartbroken by the sudden and tragic passing of Darryl Dawkins," Silver said. "We will always remember Darryl for his incredible talent, his infectious enthusiasm and his boundless generosity. He played the game with passion, integrity and joy, never forgetting how great an influence he had on his legions of fans, young and old."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	73	56	.566	—
New York	71	57	.555	1½
Baltimore	63	66	.488	10
Tampa Bay	63	66	.488	10
Boston	60	69	.465	13

Central Division

Kansas City	80	49	.620	—
Minnesota	66	63	.512	14
Cleveland	62	66	.484	17½
Chicago	60	68	.469	19½
Detroit	60	69	.465	20

West Division

Houston	72	58	.554	—
Texas	67	61	.523	4
Los Angeles	65	64	.504	6½
Seattle	61	69	.469	11
Oakland	56	74	.431	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	71	58	.550	—
Washington	65	63	.508	5½
Atlanta	54	75	.419	17
Miami	52	78	.400	19½
Philadelphia	52	78	.400	19½

Central Division

St. Louis	83	46	.643	—
Pittsburgh	79	49	.617	3½
Chicago	73	55	.570	9½
Milwaukee	54	75	.419	29
Cincinnati	53	75	.414	29½

West Division

Los Angeles	72	56	.563	—
San Francisco	69	60	.535	3½
Arizona	63	66	.488	9½
San Diego	62	67	.481	10½
Colorado	51	76	.402	20½

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for about two months.

"The U14 and U16 divisions were the toughest for me because I faced older and more experienced players. I was up to many challenges and difficult games in the last two years and every time I play I get nervous," the Saipan Community School student added.

Ask how she managed to survive those hurdles, Lee said she just thought of the things she did in training sessions back on Saipan.

"I kept reminding myself to remember how many hours I devoted to practice to get where I am right now. I remember how my coaches told me to react in certain situations. These gave me confidence and helped me regain focus every time I get nervous and face a tough opponent," said Lee, who showed dominance in the girls U16 division despite dueling players two or three years her senior.

Lee's stats in this year's tournament will prove how she stood out in Fiji. She won her three matches in pool play via sweeps, recording 6-0, 6-0 victories in two, and allowed only one point in the other game. In the playoffs, she gave up only two points each to her first two opponents and eliminated them after only two sets to march in to the finals opposite her doubles partner and 15-year-old Palau bet Ayana Rengiil.

The title duel against Rengiil was the acid test for Lee, as the former dropped the opening set before prevailing in the last two to keep her streak and secure the championship. Lee pulled off a 7-6 (4) win in the second set to remain in title contention and capped her impressive run in the tournament with an emphatic 6-0 victory in the deciding third set.

With her recent title conquest and rise in the ITF Juniors rankings, Race believes Lee could go a long away.

"No Pacific Oceania player has ever had such a high ITF rankings (No. 780 from No. 1,498) at such a young age. Carol will have many opportunities in front of her," the proud CNMI coach added.

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about 2,500 participants and the streets of Lapu Lapu are closed and full of spectators, which make it really fun. The Subic course has more hill climbs than the race in Cebu, with the majority of it out on the expressway," the CNMI triathlete said when asked to compare to two Ironman he did this year.

Prestley also took note of the change in the swim course rules in Cebu Ironman this year, making it easier for him to navigate his way through a lot of people.

"This year in Cebu, they switched the swim to a rolling start which was nice. It means that you can enter the water whenever you like and your timing chip starts as soon as you cross the threshold. This is a lot easier than the wave starts where groups of 200 to 300 people all charge into the water at once. You always get kicked and elbowed a lot in the wave starts," the 41-year-old triathlete added.

The welcoming crowd was also a plus, according to Prestley.

"This year I was really just out to have fun because I didn't have as much time to focus on training. It's easy to enjoy the course in Cebu though because people are cheering you the whole way. It's pretty rare to have that experience in a triathlon event. Normally you see people at the transition and then you're alone the rest of the time. It's one of the things that make the race in Cebu so unique," Prestley said.

Meanwhile, Prestley encouraged his fellow triathletes who want to experience the race in Cebu to register early.

"Registration for the race in 2016 opens on Oct. 1 and usually sells out in about 10 minutes, so I hope anyone who wants to join can get a spot."

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on his drive against Guiab. Fortunately, Oh My J also faltered on its two offensive sets and later after another Hard Kulangot missed, Ferdie Tobias fumbled, causing a leather scramble with the clock ticking. Sablan picked up the loose ball, but was later stripped of possession by J.R. Barrios, who dribbled down the time to preserve Hard Kulangot's shaky lead and grab the win from Oh My J

Barrios paced Hard Kulangot with his 22 points, while Lontoc and Marlon De Dios chipped in 13 apiece. Nate Mateo matched Barrios' output to lead Oh My J, which drew 21 points from Guiab. Tobias was the third double-figure scorer for Oh My J, but was on the bench when Hard Kulangot made the run.

In the first game, four Purple Rain players broke into double figures to ease past Eh Di Wow.

Paul Bautista had 15 for Purple Rain, which got 13 markers apiece from Adrian Flores and Rey Deleon Guerrero and 10 from big man Bruce Berline.

Purple Rain led right from the start and was never threatened as Eh Di Wow had only Lerio Paragao consistently hitting his shots in the lone match last Friday.

Meanwhile, results of the second game last Saturday between Makalaro Lang and Red Rice will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday issue.

FRIDAY

Purple Rain 65 – Quitugua 15, Flores 13, R. Reyes 13, Berline 10, Isip 9, Leomo 4, Yarofalir 2.

Eh Di Wow 52 – Pagarao 25, Itaas 9, A. Reyes 7, J. Reyes 6, Santos 4, Cortez 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-26, 65-52.

SATURDAY

Hard Kulangot 75 – Barrios 22, De Dios 13, Lontoc 13, Cultura 6, Garcia 6, Ebuen 3, Pollisco 3.

Oh My J 74 – Mateo 22, Guiab 21,, Tobias 14, Sanciangco 8, Enriquez 6, Sablan 3.

Scoring by halves: 32-41, 62-62, 75-74 (OT)

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Lee makes history in POJC

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Carol Lee, left, poses with Fiji Tennis Association president Richard Breene after receiving her gold medal in the girls U16 singles event during the awards ceremony for the 2015 Pacific Oceania Juniors Championships last week in Fiji.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee completed the first hat-trick in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after notching the girls U16 singles title last week in Fiji.

"Carol made POJC history by becoming the first junior player to win three age divisions in three years," CNMI coach Jeff Race said in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* from Fiji.

The 13-year old Lee recorded her first victory in the annual tournament in 2013 when she took the girls U12 singles championship. The following year, the then 12-yeard-old Commonwealth player bagged the U14 crown. In those back-to-back wins, Lee was unbeaten in pool plays en route to earning the division titles and this year, she also swept all her singles matches to keep an immaculate record in the POJC.

"I did not expect to win all those three titles because there are a lot of very good players in the POJC," said Lee, who returned to the island last Saturday, together with the 13 other CNMI players, after being away

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First win for Purple Rain, Hard Kulangot

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Purple Rain and Hard Kulangot barged into the win column in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after beating separate opponents over the weekend at the Navy Hill court.

Last Friday, Purple Rain cruised past the debuting Eh Di Wow, 65-52, to bounce back from 50-67 spanking from Wag Kang Pabebe, while Hard Kulangot also recovered from its opening loss to Makalaro Lang (61-74) with a 75-74 overtime victory against Oh My J last Saturday.

Brian Lontoc hit the go-ahead basket under the one minute mark of the extension period, while a split from Jerome Pollisco with nine seconds left in regulation sent the match in overtime.

Pollisco missed his first charity and made the second one to force the deadlock, 62-all, and set up Hard Kulangot's come-from-behind win as the team clawed its way back from a 10-point deficit, 39-49.

Oh My J, which played its first game, had a chance to win in regulation and avoid a collapse as it sued for time after Pollisco went 1-for-2 from the foul line. However, team captain Junar Guiab's 3-point attempt near the left corner was too strong, sending the match into extra five minutes.

Oh My J started the overtime with two quick baskets on Guiab's layup and James' Sablan's drive for a 66-62 advantage. However, Hard Kunglot fought back and won the next exchange with Lontoc's fastbreak layup again capping their 13-6 scoring, with 55 seconds remaining on the clock.

Hard Kulangot had an opportunity to widen the gap, but Lontoc this time missed

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Hard Kulangot's Jerome Pollisco is pressured in the backcourt by Oh My J's Nate Mateo, right, and James Sablan during the second half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Worry-free race gives Prestley faster time in Ironman

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CNMI triathlete Peter Prestley had a triumphant return to Cobra Ironman 70.3 Philippines.

Prestley came back to Cebu early this month to try to complete the 1.9-kilometer swim, 90.1K bike, and 21.1K run anew and did it in record-breaking fashion, timing in at 5:36:08, which was way faster than his debut (6:03:33) last year.

"I was happy that I improved my time over last year's race. Last year in Cebu, I had a flat tire and had a difficult time changing it because I didn't have a valve extender on my spare. This year I didn't have any technical issues on the course, which is always a blessing," said Prestley.

With his faster time this year, Prestley was ranked 26th (out of more than 200) in his division (40-44). He was at No. 64 (out of more than 300 participants in his age group) last year. Overall, the lawyer placed at No. 170 (from No. 327 last year) out of more than 2,000 finishers and No. 267 in the men's division.

"It still wasn't as good as my race in Subic in March where I finished in 5:21 even with more hills to climb," Prestley said.

"The race I did in Subic in March was the first Ironman 70.3 held in Subic. There were about 1,000 participants, which was much less than the race in Cebu. The Cebu race attracts

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